President Sadat gets official invitation to Jerusalem peace talks

Sadat of Egypt to visit Israel and address the House on his peace

At a packed session in Jerusalem, said he is ready to fly to Israel the Knesset overwhelmingly ap- "within a week". Israeli ministers proved an invitation to President were shocked today by Lieutenant-General Gur, the chief of staff, who suggested that President Sadat's proposals. Mr Sadat, who leaves peace feeler might be a feint to today for talks in Damascus, has cover a projected military attack.

Overwhelming vote in Knesset

Tel Aviv. Nov 15

Minutes after the Knesset Minutes after the Knesset had agreed to invite President Sadat for peace talks in Jerusalem, Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, met the United States Ambassador this evening in the Parliament building. Before a mass of cameras and micro-phones he handed the envoy an official invitation to be transmitted to the Egyptians through the American Ambas-

The historic move was made despite an entraordinary statement today by Lieutenant-General Mordechai Gur, the Israel Chief of Staff, suggesting that President Sadar's talk of visiting Jerusalem might be a "deception" like that before Egypt's sudden onslaught against Israel at Vom Kimur. against Israel at Yom Kippur, 1973. said

The general said the Egyptians had in recent months egyphans had in recent months heightened their preparations for a war "with the approach of 1978 and perhaps earlier". They had prepared a huge system of furtifications in Sinci which could absorb five divisions in a matter of hours.

Government leaders were shocked by the timing of the general's statement although general's statement, although they did not dispute its content. Mr Ezer Weizman, the Defence Minister, said the general had acted beyond his competence.

Replying with unprecedented speed to four parliamentary questions, Mr. Weizman said the Government and the Israel de-fence forces were alert to the "military preparations in Arab countries". But, he added, the Chief of Staff had no business linking these with a possible visit by the President of Egypt. He said he would summon General Gur to explain his action. Mr Begin, noting Mr Sadar's and survive.

statement that he wished to Our Cairo Correspondent come as soon as possible after writes: President Sadat today

From Patrick Brogan

Washington, Nov 15

The American Government has given a warm, though rather startled welcome to President Sadat's proposal to go to ferusalem and is doing every-

United States officials, like

covered the sugestion was more than a bluff or a publicity stunt

when they saw the Egyptian President interviewed on tele-

vision lost night.

Mr Sadat told the CBS interviewer, Walter Cronkite:

"Really, I' looking forward to fulfilling this visit in the earliest time possible." Mr Cronkite asked: "That could be, say, within a week?" and the President replied: "You can say that vee?"

that, yes."
A formal invitation to Mr

Sadat was delivered to the American Ambassador in Israel

at 5 pm today and a State
Department official said it
would be transmitted to Caro
with the greatest of pleasure."

thing to facilitate the trip.

most other observers,

vision lost night.

dent arrived at the start of next week he would postpone his own planned visit to London. If Mr Sadat came later in the week. Mr Begin said he would cut short his European visit and be at hand at Ben-Gurion airport to receive the guest and drive with him to Jerusalem. A report from the airport to-night said instructions had been received to remove the red carpet from the storehouse. The airport manager said he was ready for the historical event except that he lacked an Egyptian flag.

Parliament was packed for today's dramatic session. Mr

Parliament was packed for today's dramatic session. Mr Begin denied his purpose in inviting the Egyptian leader had been to drive a wedge between Egypt and the other Arab states. He declared solemnly: "From this platform I invite for peace negotiations President Assad of Syria, King Husein of Jordan and President Sarkis of Lebanon.

"What about Yasir Arafat of the PLO?" chimed in Mr Wilner, a Communist: "You may interrupt me", the Prime Minister replied good-naturedly, but when President Sedat stands on this rostrum, don't interrupt.

The small Communist faction was the only one critical of the development. Their spokesman said it was an American sponsored trick which would

not bring peace.
The feeling among other speakers was that there had been an historic breakthrough, whether or not the visit came off. Mr Nofi of the Democratic Movement for Change said the applause in Parliament for Mr Sadat's announcement shartered the legend that no Arab leader could speak of peace with Israel and survive

Warm response from Washington

The spokesman insisted that

a definitive peace in the Middle East could only come with a

comprehensive settlement and that this would be achieved

through reconvening the Gen-eva peace conference.

In last night's television interview, President Sadat, speaking in English, said: "We

are at a crucial moment. There has never been a suitable moment in the Arab world to reach genuine peace like we are now,

so I want to put the facts before them (the Israelis), and

at the same time we want to discuss what will be the other

alternative if we can't achieve peace. It would be horrible, believe me, horrible."

Mr Begin (via television satel-lite) and told him of Mr Sadar's

statement. The Prime Minister replied: "Very good news. If President Sadat is ready to come next week, if he says that he will come next week, I will

Mr Cronkite then interviewed

Begin, the Israeli Prime

ster, or Mr Sadat.

receiving an official invitation, said tonight that if the President arrived at the start of next week he would postpone his received an Israeli invitation he was ready to go to discuss a Middle East peace settlement.

Middle East peace settlement. In another move to speed up resumption of the Geneva talks, Mr Sadat had earlier urged all parties to drop procedural bickering, saying he did not care about procedure. Throughout his peace offensive, Mr Sadat has reasserted that Egypt will not sign a separate peace treaty with Israel nor set aside the Palestine issue.

Today, he reiterated that the Palestinian problem was the core of the Middle East conflict and "for this, the Palestinian presence in a single Arab Delegation (at Geneva talks) is necessary".

Mr Sadat, who is due to leave here for Syria tomorrow, said his fight to Damacou, was not

his flight to Damascus was not linked with his proposal to visit Israel. It had been planned before he made his declaration.

President Assad of Syria could not impose anything on him, Mr Sadat said, nor could he impose anything ou the Syrian President. Nevertheless observers here believe that Mr Sadat will explain his peace intimeted in the Democrate fellow initiative in the Damascus talks. Syria has so far made no comment on President Sadar's offer

to go to Israel. The Egyptian official Middle East News Agency, in a report from Washington, today identi-fied the American Professor of Palestinian origin, proposed but Palestinian origin, proposed but not named by President Sadat, as a delegate to the Geneva conference. The agency said he was Dr. Edward Said, a professor of English at Columbia University, New York. Dr Said is a member of the Palestinian Notional Council (parliament in exile) which met here last March.

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at the invitation Minister Callaghan

"I suppose that Mr Callaghan will also be agreeable to post-pone that meeting for a week

and have President Sadar in Jerusalem because it gives hope to have peace in the Middle

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Mr Callaghan made it known yesterday that he will not be offended should Mr Begin decide to postpone his visit in order to receive President Sadat.

All the preparations are going ahead for Mr Begin's visit, due to take place from November 20 to 23. But last

night Downing Street was taking quite seriously the possibility that President Sadat

might accept Mr Begin's invi-

In the British Government's

view, such a visit would be a significant move in furthering a dialogue in the Middle East. It would be quite accepted, therefore, if Mr Begin's visit had to be postponed.

Plain Master Phillips weighed 71bs 9oz when born a short yell from Paddington station

The Queen visits hospital for first glimpse of her grandson

The Queen arrived at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, last night for her first glimose of her grandson, who was born to Princess Anne at 10.46 am

Smiling broadly, she waved to an enthusiastic crowd when she arrived. Capt Mark Phillips had returned to visit his wife.

For several hours a crowd of nearly two hundred, including many children, had waited in the cold for a glimpse of the

The Queen left the hospital after half on hour. The crowd burst into spomuneous applause and cheering as she entered her car.

Alan Hamilton writes: Plain Master Phillips, the first royal baby to be born a commoner for more than 500 years, weighed 71b 90z at birth. He and his mother were in good health last night.

The birth took place in the maternay unit of the hospital's Lindo Wing, a short yell from the back of Paddington station, in the presence of Captaiu Mark Phillips and Mr George Pinker, the Queen's gynaecologist, who is a consultant at St Mary's. The archaic practice of having a minister of the Crown present at royal births was dis-continued before the arrival of

the Prince of Wales.

The first public news of the birth was given by the Queen during an investiture at Buckingham Palace half an hour after the event. Within an hour official announcements were posted on the railings of Buckingham Palace and the Home Office in Whitehall.

On the hospital steps three members of the Guild of Pro-fessional Toastmasters, who had arrived with a present of a 61b box of liqueur chocolates for



Captain Phillips congratulated by well-wishers outside the hospital on his arrival to visit Princess Anne.

the Princess, held an impromptu

champagne parry.

The baby, whose name has not yet been announced, is the first grandchild for the Queen and the first great-grandchild for Queen Ekrabeth the Queen

her husband to the hospital at 4 am yesterday, and occupied a sparsely furnished £55-a-day private room decorated only by hospital said was a coincidence. Shortly after the birth the Princess spoke by telephone to

the Queen, and Captain Phillips spoke to his parents at Great Somerford, Wiltshire, where a flag was hoisted and the church bells were rung. The news was relayed to the Duke of Edinburgh in Germany, the Prince of Wales in Yorkshire, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward at Gordonstoun, the Home Secretary, Mr Rees. the Home Secretary, Mr Rees, and Governors-General of the

Members of The Honourable Artillery Company fired a 41-gun salute at the Tower of London. A second salute would have been fired by soldiers of The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, in Hyde Park, but they were on stand-by firefight-ing duty because of the firemen's strike.

Master Phillips arrived one day too late to coincide with the fourth wedding anniversary of his parents and the twenty-ninth birthday of his uncle, the Prince of Wales. His arrival will nevertheless cause maternal bearts to flutter throughout the land, and other places as well, although few

way, deterred no doubt by the biting wind and the difficulty of finding such an unprepos-sessing back street behind a railway terminus.

Yesterday the Prime Minister sent a telegram of congratula-tion to Princess Anne and wrote a message of good wishes to the Queen on behalf of the entire House of Commons except Mr William Hamilton, MP, who, when told the news com-mented: "How charming; another one on the payroll."

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More firémen help in rescues but strike support is solid

By Martin Huckerby More firemen left their picket lines yesterday to help Servicemen in incidents where lives were at risk. But the strikers made clear that they their action; the Government also said it was standing firm. In most cases the Servicemen bad to fight the fires alone. No disastrous ones

alone. No disastrous ones occurred.

Although four people have died in fires since the strike began it appeared yesterday that none of the victims could have been saved even if full-time firemen had been working normally.

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, said in an emergency Commons debare on the strike yesterday that the Government was sticking to its pay guidelines. The Liberal's gave a warning that

ing to its pay guidelines. The Liberal's gave a warning that they would break their pact with Labour if any agreement with the firemen breached counter-inflation policy.

In a vote at the end of the debate MPs backed the Government's stand in the firemen's dispute by 211 votes to 58, a majority of 153.

The four ther the firement

The fear that the firemen would stand by as lives were lost has been partly allayed by the ections of strikers in London and elsewhere. On Monday night more than two dozen fire-men in east London left picket lines to combat a fire at St Andrew's Hospital, Bow, during which 120 patients were evacu-

Yesterday morning men at Yesterday morang men at Battersea, south-west London, left their picket line to help troops to fight an outbreak on the eighth floor of a block of Bats at Clapham Jonction. Many people left their homes but no one was injured.

At Chertsey, Surrey, pickets broke into their station, took a turntable ladder and rescued a man trapped more then 60it up

Tension among US Jews, man trapped more than 60ft up page 12 on a roof with a suspected

broken back. He had fallen from a girder at the British
from a girder at the British
Aircraft Corporation factory at
Brooklands. The works fire
crew asked for help because
their equipment could not reach

him.
In other parts of the country,
Servicemen, aided by the
police, fought a fire in a tower
block in Birmingham, where 400 people were evacuated, tackled a fire that destroyed a handbag factory in Manchester, and put out one that damaged many Christmas toys at Handeys. in

Wigmore Street London,

Three soldiers were slightly
hurt while fighting an outbreak
et a block of flats in Liverpool. Although in many areas the number of emergency calls was below average, the Servicemen were again often hampered by

In Strathclyde region a soldier had an emergency opera-tion after being trapped when his fire engine overturned while John Drummond, in charge of 600 troops in the region, said boaxers were sapping the soldiers' strength and morale Many false alarms also occurred in London and on

Merseyside and there have been several suspected cases of In London an important radio link between senior fire offi-cers and the emergency control centre was jammed, it is be-lieved deliberately. The Home Office said it was taking action

resolve the trouble.
Support for the strike resupport for the strike remained almost complete yester-day. Small groups of men returned to work in Northamptonshire and at Rhyl, North Wales, but others who had stayed on duty at Todmorden, Halifax, and Colchester joined their rulleagues on strike.

their colleagues on strike.

Local authority representatives yesterday saw Mr Rees about gaining government approval for a peace formula

that might eventually provide extra money. They are boping the proposals might end the dispute, but any possible solution is still some days off.

Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, in a letter in The Times today, says that the danger to human life is intolerable and calls on the firemen to reconsider the consequences

to reconsider the consequences of their action. He urges them to adopt selective action instead of the all-our strike and sug-gests an official inquiry into the pay structures of firemen and similar groups. Christopher Walker writes from Belfast: The predicted drive by the Provisional IRA to take ad-

vantage of the strike began yesterday when two bombs were planted at a toy warehouse in west Belfast, a statumchly repub-lican district notorious for ambushes against British troops. Although soldiers did put out the fire the first serious test of their five-fighting capability in Northern Ireland clearly demonstrated the additional bazards confronting the pro-vince. The bombs were planted at the front and rear of the large building by three gunmen, who had warned people to leave.

But it was at least 25 minutes before the two army "Green Godess" fire appliances arrived, after television cameramen and journalists. One reason for the delay was thought to be security chiefs' fears that the IRA would attack the soldier-fremen. Troops maintained intensive patrols in the streets round the burning building.

Considering the dangers, the afternoon's operation was judged a relative success, despite extensive damage to the

wareacouse and stock.
Troops answered other emergency calls, all were to minor incidents, in Belfast and Londonderry during the day. Mr Rees stands firm

unions are an essential part of our everyday life and a very essential part of our industrial life."

Industry wants Acas freed from 'union bias'

From Malcolm Brown

Industrialists yesterday made it clear that they were implac-ably opposed to the pre-entry closed shop and that they wanted to see more democracy in the trade union movement.

The first national conference

The first national conference of the Confederation of British Industry, which ended in Brighton, voted overwhelmingly for a firm but cautious approach to the selective reform of industrial relations, a key element of which is the CBI's stated policy of absolute appreciation. opposition coercion.

Although several speakers from the floor opposed the confederation's rather more equivocal stance on the postentry closed shop, the mood of the conference seems to have been against taking too firm a line on that for the moment. Both the main speakers on the motion, Mr Astley Whittall, president of the Engineering Employers' Federation, and Mr Terence Beckett, chief execu-tive of Ford, urged the conference to make a cool and moderate approach to industrial relations reform.

"We in the CBI are in no way looking for confrontation with the trade unions", Mr Whittall said. "The trade

past three years had made in-dustry nervous of its future in the industrial relations field unless some action was taken to modify and possibly amend some of the trade union legisla-Particularly singled out as m

need of reform were the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service, which was seen as being biased towards the trade union movement, and the Employment Protection Act, which was aid to be putting an in-tolerable burden on industry. Concern was also expressed about the need to inject more democracy into the trade union movement, with speakers movement, with speakers urging the need for unions to adopt the secret ballot and be

brought within the law. Mr Whinall said that probably the only industrialized country where unions were above the law. "Of course, they needed protection at the turn of the century. Now they are so powerful they have acquired legal privileges, and virtually all restriction on their conduct has been removed."
Closing the conference. Lord Watkinson, president of the CBL said that Britain must stop the slide to inflation-prone mediocrity before it turned into an avalanche that destroyed us

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Police conflict on Biko death

The spokesman did not reveal have to postpone my trip to the terms of the invitation, saying that was a matter for Mr so go next Sunday to London

Conflicts in police evidence on how Steve Biko, the black South African leader, suffered a faral head injury in detention were exposed on the second day of the inquest. A security policeman who said Mr Biko had gone "berserk" after being shown proof that he planned violent revolution was accused of trying to smear the dead man Page 12

Fighting for Papua West Irian guerrillas are waging a jungle war against Indonesia in an effort to win independence for the province they call Papua. Their base is in neighbouring Papua New Guinez, but there is no welcome for them from the authorities there Page 13

Hospital findings

Too little attention was paid to security at the state hospital at Carstairs, Strathclyde, a report on the escape of two patients last year, states, it makes more than 40 recommendations Page 4

Anti-Shah protest

An angry student demonstration disrupted President Carter's welcoming ceremony for the Shah of Iran outside the White House. Both men were seen wiping their eyes as tear gas fired by police drifted across

World trade lag seen

A report prepared by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development says that the industrial wor'd is heading for another year of slow growth in trade and output, and rising unemployment in 1978 Page 25

Move to control rate increases

The Government's rate-support grant to local authorities, to be announced on Friday, is designed to avoid any heavy burden on ratepayers our Local Government Correspondent says. The need to encourage counter-inflation measures means that rate increases restricted to less than a tenth throughout Britain must be recentable.

EEC wants answer

The EEC wants to know whether Parliament is likely to ratify the convention to allow direct elections to the European Parliament early next summer. Dr Owen will be pressed to give a clear answer next

Brandt warning to left

Left-wing rebels were warned by Herr Willy Brandt, the party president, at the Social Democrats' congress in Hamburg against endangering the Bonn coalition Government's narrow majority by opposing controversial legislation Page 10

Gale towns' aid: Damaged towns on the north-west coast may get special govern-ment aid, Mr Callaghan told MPs 2

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Narrow majorities likely for devolution guillotines

By Fred Emery Political Editor

Rebellious Labour MPs seem to have given up hope of defeating the Government in today's key votes setting timetables for the Scotland and Wales devolu-

But as the second reading debate on the Wates Bill began last night, government sources and rebels were predicting that the Government's majorities would probably be down to single figures. That contrasts with the deceptive majority of 44 for the Scotland Bill second reading on Monday night.

The Government will today receive a deputation of Shet-landers who wish to have a referendum on whether to continue as part of Scotland after devolution.

Anything the Government could do to ease their anxieties would doubtless assure it the

MP for Orkney and Shetland, whose colleagues believe that he may otherwise abstain. Otherwise it seems that only one Liberal, Mr Richard Wain-wright, MP for Colne Valley, will vote against the Govern-

The closeness of tonight's

vote of Mr Jo Grimond, Liberal

votes arises as follows: The 12 Tories now at the European Assembly in Strasbourg will be back for the three-line whip, which should also bring into line all but one or two of the score of Conservative "rebels" who either voted with the Government or abstained on Mon-day. Their Labour counterparts were not at Strasbourg.

The key question is how many Labour members may vote against or abstain tonight on the guillotine motions, which would set 17 and 11 days for the Scotland and Wales Bills respectively at committee and re-port stages; without guillotines, which limit debate, there is little prospect of the passage of either Bill.

Our Parliamentary Correspondent writes: With Labour opponents of the Welsh devolution proposals hovering closely around him, Mr Morris, Secre-tary of State for Wales, last night stoutly defended him and the Government against the charge that an assembly in Cardiff would be merely a

talking shop.

He emphasized that the legislation in no way affected the unity of the United Kingdom or the supremacy of He believed that a measure

of devolution to Wales would help to preserve and strengthen unity, because a large measure of decision-making would be uransferred close to the people; nore decisions would be taken by a democratically elected assembly as opposed to a mini-ster or a nominated body. Mr Morris said that powers

which would be devolved covered primarily environ-mental and social matters. Those concerning the economy, indus-try, agriculture, training and employment, which went to the heart of the unity of the United Kingdom, would remain with the Welsh Office.

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Mr Rees stands firm against breaching guidelines for firemen

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, vith the Prime Minister seated chind him made clear in the Commons yesterday tank the Government was not prepared to budge from the hard line on pay policy it has taken over the 30 per cent claim by the

He was backed from the Liberal benches by Mr Emlyn Hooson, QC, who said that if the Government negotiated an agreement that destroyed their batrle against inflation the arrangement with the Liberals was at an end. If the Govern-ment gave way to the firemen, he added, it was doomed.

The emergency debate, granted on Monday by the Speaker, opened with an appeal from Mr James SillBs, former fireman and Scottish Labour MP for Ayrshire, South. No one listening could fail to realize the strength of the demand by the Fire Brigade s Union for consideration as a special case. But Mr Sillars, who pressed his case for "meaningful negotiations" to a division, made clear that firemen are tired of sympathy and that more is needed to get them back to work.

If, as it seemed, Mr Sillars was speaking in knowledge of the firemen's attitude to a settlement, there would appear to be room for negotiations. Calling for flexibility, he urged Mr Rees to consider that firemen do not get paid for Satur-day and Sunday working which are considered to be normal working days. There was also the possibility, he suggested, of a working party similar to the one set up to avoid a police strike.

He warned the Government tuat if it continued with its present attitude that the fire-

tical boards, as if the clocks on the wall had stopped before

the age of computers.
Visitors are not allowed up

time wasted talking might cost

Five this new pagen age has Green Goddess" fire

appliances with codes such as "Five Bravo". Five is the

situation the t faced Mr Heath in 1974.

Mr Rees agreed that negotia tions were the way to settle the dispute, but pointed out that the firemen were talking of 31 per cent, not something just over the 10 per cent. The Home Secretar y said there were three sides to the offer on pay: an immediate 10 per cent, negotiation over working hours and discussion on a for mat by which pay could be

determined in future. Mr Rees emphasized, despite please from many Labour MPs, that the 10 per cent was im-portant and the Government could not move outside its gui-

From the Tory front bench for Whitelaw pledged support Mr whitelaw pledged support for the Government in taking any measures necessary for the protection of the public. The Opposition would not give any encouragement to firemen who believed that they could gain a remedy for their grievances, however strongly felt, through strike action.

strike action.

But Mr Whitelaw urged the importance of working out new

importance of working out new arrangements for determining pay and conditions for people in the public service, such as police, firemen and the Armed Services, who are responsible for the safery of Citizens.

Mr Whitehaw could not resist a comparison with the 1374 situation, which, he said, contrasted strongly with the attitude of the Tory Opposition today. Then, Mr Callagian and other members of the Labour Party, now senior ministers, had done their best to undermine Mr Heath's efforts in his battle against inflation. The Labour Government had reaped a whirlwind of its own reaped a whirlwind of its own irresponsibility at that time. The debate ended with the Commons backing, by 211 votes to 58, the Government's deterministics out to breach determination not to breach

Maps and pins hark back to pre-computer age

hut manned 24 hours a day, Staff Association. It was

from which troops are mobilized to fight London's fires during the emergency, is equipped with maps, coloured pins, and batteries of telephones. Smart, keen-eyed fire officers move symbols on vertical boards, as if the clocks on Green Goddesses.

the action is, perhaps because police is intended to save time wasted talking might cost appliances being called to fires

area where 116 appliances are stationed. Bravo, one of them, was sent to Monier Road Beautiful Property of the emergency. Fire about 118 and 118 areas are the Army in the first 24 hours of the emergency. Fire

where a car eas reported on area there would normally be between 250 and 300 calls in a

Wartime atmosphere in control centre

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
For followers of Mr Kennech
More in his war-winning film
roles, the scene in the dark
draughty old depot beneath
Holborn, London, will be
familiar.
The operations room in a
The operations room in a
The operations room in a

Green Goddesses, lacking radio and warning blue lights, are escorted by either a police car or a fire brigade staff car.

The filtering of calls by the

other than those demanding their attention. They do not

undertake lift rescues or road

The filtering system accounts for the difference between the 255 calls received in

accidents, for example.

Sanction is sought for peace formula

By Paul Routledge

Local authority employers saw Mr Rees, Home Secretary, yesterday to seek government sanction for a peace formula that might give firemen more money from next April.

Negotiations with the Fire Brigades Union are aimed at a long-term solution to the disoute that will give the men a guaranteed position in the wages league immune from erosion by inflation.

Such a formula may be put to senior firemens' leaders and local authority employers at a meeting of the tire brigades' national joint council today. Ministers hope the outcome of the talks will prompt the union executive to recall its ference.

It was that body that is week voted by two to one to mount the first official strike in the union's history. It slone has the power to call off the

The employers sought from Mr Rees an assurance that their proposed peace formula, based on a shorter working new pay structure, would be week from next submin and a underwritten by the Govern-ment in the new rate-support grant, which comes into operation in April.

They gave strong hints that the formula might mean higher pay for the faramen from April, 1978, as part of the phasing-in of a new wage structure, penticuarly if the police are granted a deal on similar lines after the Azvies inquiry reports on their pay. Faihere to reach agreement on a long-rerm solution rather than a straight breach of the 10 per cent limit might mean that the dispute will drag on as long as the six-week unoffthe pay guidelines. cial stoppage Parliamentary report, page 16 men in 1973.

extra knowledge they needed when tackling a potentially disastrous fire yesterday on the eighth floor of a tower block in Wye Street, Clapham Junction, from which people were moved out by the police.

Only the day before troops had been taught how to use dry-rising mains as the fire brigade would, a main in Wye Street enabled them to tackle the fire successfully.

Telephones in the Home Office central control room

have been ringing with offers

advice. Up-to-the-minute safor-mation is received from fire

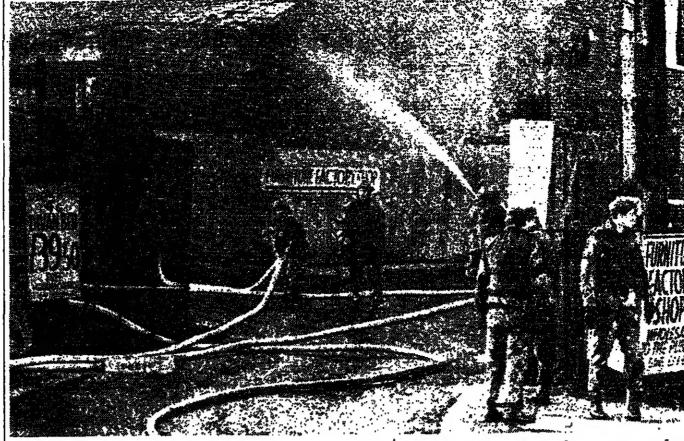
dents. One telex message described frow three pumps were sent to a fire at a farm in the Nuneaton area. Some pigs di ed and a quantity of hay was destroyed. The message said Servicemen ha d performed well, but had experienced difficulties in relaying

800 Green Goddesses are dep-loyed. Authorities requiring more have a plus sign against them but could not be rein-

authorities about serious

the fire successfully.

dents.



Army fire-fighters tackling their first serious fire in Belfast yesterday, after two men had planted incendiary devices at a factory in Springfield Road. There were no casualties.

Gale-damaged North-west towns may get government aid, MPs told

Commons that special aid may have to be given to repair the

damage.

Strong winds at near gale force were still making it difficult for local authorities to assess the extent of damage yesassess the extent of damage year terday. But at Blackpool three breaches of the sea wall, flood-ing and other damage may cost the district council nearly f.im. An official said the combina-tion of gale force winds blowing unusually high tides on shore was the worst this century. Fylde District Council said the storms had left behind a disaster

rea. The Prime Minister said yesterday that Mr Shore, Secretary of Shate for the Environment, had been asked to investigate what needed to be done in the North-west to see what govern-ment facilities were needed.

of narrow

self-interests '

Britain's "narrow self-interest" and reluctance to help the less powerful people of the

world are criticized in a study by church groups. The report, to go before the British Council of Churches assembly next

Week, duties determination to pro-more assues that are "blatantly to our domestic advantage".

The report, Power and the

They include moves in the

mity, and the pursuit

EEC to keep farm prices down regardless of other people in

of "narrow self-interests"

Powerless, is one of 10 pro-

By Craig Seton

The mayors of Blackpool, had been rloped up. Repairs, which might take several acknowledged the severity of chanage caused by gales along the north-west coast from Morecambe to Lytham St Annes since Friday, when the Prime Minister said in the House of Commons that special aid may department can great local a disaster area."

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Fylde District Council said that with Blackpool and Wyre, emergency repairs and then apply for loan sanctions. The mayors of Blackpool, had been rloped up. Repairs, which might take several months to complete, will cost up to film. and been told to do necessary emergency repairs and then apply for loan senctions. The department department can grant local authorities between 24 and 79 per cent of the cost of such

> At Blackpool damage to the sea wall and parades is extensive and at least 250 acres have been flooded. There had been three hig breaches of the sea wall, most of them caused on Friday, when winds reached 90

Blackpool council said the breaches were being filled as quickly as possible, weather allowing, to prevent further damage inshore and erosion of the defences. The worst breaches, one of them about 40 yards long, occurred in sections of the wall built in the 1890s. Where breaches and "over-topping" 'of sea defences had occurred, large parts of the concreted parade and railings

it asked for government assist-ance "because we think it is a disaster area".

Demage had been less severe in Lytham St Annes than at Blackpool, but there had been several breaches in the seawall there and "overtopping" had flooded about a thousand acres of fermined inland as lease 39 of farmland inland, at least 39 houses, and on an industrial estate. Electricity had been temporarily disrupted.

At Morecambe, where part of the West End pier was swept away during the worst of last Friday's storm, the situation is still being assessed, but Lancaster City Council believes that damage cognition at least \$100.000 drmage costing at least £100,000 has been caused. Storms swept coastal areas of Belgium and Holland on Monday night, breaching dykes and seawalls and flooding low-lying

roads and fields.

Britain's 'pursuit Newspaper printing staff are given ultimatum

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

The management of The Sun warned printing workers last night that they would be deemed to have dismissed them-Sunday to operate additional plant. The ultimatum comes efter a period of disruption in which the newspaper has sustained large losses in the num-ber of copies printed. rowerless, is one or to pro-duced after two years study of Britain Today and Tomorrow by church and other groups. The aim, to close the gap between the powerful and the powerless, should be to press for higher prices for develop-ing countries? Goods, the report For more than six months The Sun has been trying to increase the number of folders used in the production of the paper from 21 to 22, which would allow it to add more

pages.
The machine room workers to the National belong to the National Graphical Association and the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media , in

productivity payments

representatives, in each locality.

Mr Holland said yesterday
that the Commission was encouraging the formation of

local and consultative planning groups, either at local authority

level or even within local authorities. Teams of com-mission staff would help local education authorities to develop

courses.

Area boards would include representatives of at least two

local education authorities and one director of education. At

national level there would be a

authorities should be linked. The commission envisaged

"an informal network of involvement and participation by a large number of people and at a large number of levels", Mr

The needs of unemployed young people in a particular area must be matched with job

opportunities. It must not be forgomen, Mr Holland said,

that 95 per cent of the popula-tion were born, educated, lived, worked and died within

Holland said.

more holidays for putting on the folder, instead of the employment of 14 extra men. The management says the demands far exceed the savings from not employing extra men. Questions for minister: A dison The Scotsman and Evening News in Edinburgh since Saturday is to be taken up in Parliament with Mr. Booth, Secretary of State for Employment (Ronald Faux writes). A statement on the dispute and whether it has been reised with the Advisory Conciliaries and the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service is to be sought by Mr Robin Cook, Labour MP for Edinburgh, Cen-

Journalists on the newspapers are in dispute over the payment of merit money. After working to contract for two weeks they were ordered by the manage-ment on Friday to stop work altogether.

Protection appeal

to minister By David Nicholson-Lord Community relations officers are asking the Home Secretary, Mr Rees, to provide a "safe working environment" against what they describe as a growing number of attacks on them and threats to staff.

The union that represents

The union that represents many of the officers, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs. has written to Mr Rees calling for more protection for staff and stronger action by the police in investigating offences.

in investigating offences.

The letter comes after two recent incidents involving community relations officers and staff at Derby and Oxford. At Derby, on October 26, a woman community relations officer, aged 25, was confronted in her office, by about thirty people, including several men wearing swastika armbands and Union Jack waistcoats. Jack waistcoats.
The officer, Mrs Janet
Fletcher-Davies, said at a press

Fletcher-Davies, said at a press conference yesterday that the group, said to represent an organization called the English Netionalist Party, had come to present a letter seeking the withdrawal of the local council's grant to the community relations organization.

Mrs Fletcher-Davies said she was wally abused and she then

was orally abused and she then left. Afterwards, she alleged, the group emptied a desk and scattered papers on the floor. She wrote to the Chief Constable of Derbyshire and was told that the matter was bein investigated, but so far she had for a formal statement.

In the second case a community relations officer at Oxford, Mr Choudhury Anwar, said he was slapped in the face by a women last Wednesday. The police had advised him to take out a private summons after saying that the incident was not serious enough for them to investigate: Mr Anwar said that he had

done so and the local com-munity relations council had) comised financial help with the action.

ASTMS wants community relations offices to be divided into two areas, similar to the layout in banks.

Shore move to ease restraints on planning

By John Young Planning Reporter

Thousands of householders and businessmen will be given relief from bureaucratic restraints by proposed changes in planning regulations laid be-fore Parliament by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the

The Town and Country Planning General Develoment (Amendment) Order is unlikely to pass without objections, and may well be the subject of a short debate before Christmas. But the Government expects the measure, intended to reduce the 450,000 planning applica-tions in England and Wales each year by between 10 and 20 per cent, to come into operation on January 1. Among 20 per cent, to codile into operation on January 1. Among the main amendments are:

House extensions: Limits of permitted enlargement, without planning permission, will be raised from 50 to 70 cubic metres, or from 10 to 15 per cent of the size of the house before any previous extensions, whichever is the larger, subject to a maximum of 115 cubic metres.

Garages: A building detached from a house by more than five metres will not count as an enlargement but will be regarded in the same way as, for instance, a garden shed.

Conversions: The conversion of a single house into two dwellings (but not more than two) will be exempt from planning permission. Industrial buildings: Eulargement limits will be caised from 10 to 20 per cent, to a maximum of 750 square metres.

Listed buildings: Local authorities will be empowered to grant listed building consent for alterations or extensions to grade 2 unstarred buildings, but not grade 1 or grade 2 starred, without reference to the Secretary of State.

The order proposes a more restrictive artitude 10 had

The order proposes a more restrictive artitude to bad neighbour developments, with a requirement that applications

be advertised. Such developments include public conveniences, refuse disposal plants, screo yards, slaughterhouses, casinos, funfairs, bingo balls, amusement arcades, theatres, dance halls, skating rinks, squash courts,

swimming baths, cemeteries, 2006, motor racing circuits and take away hot food restaurants. 20 metres.

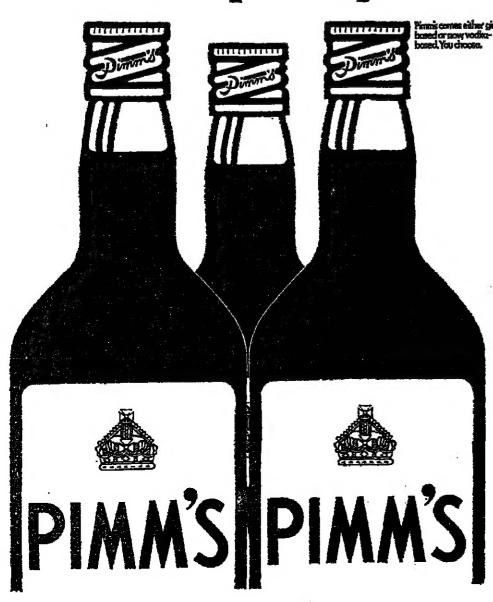
The proposals are published The proposals are published almost exactly two years after the Government's rejection of most of the recommendations in a report by Mr George Dobry. OC. on development control. The Government has been guided by more than 250 replies to a circular sont in

July last year to many of the individuals and organizations that gave evidence to Mr Dobry. Although less radical than the Dobry report, which advo-cated deemed consent to "ininor" applications and the extension of planning controls to cover demolition, the order is sure to be opposed. Conservationists will almost

posed relaxation of listed

But Department of Environment officials made clear yesterday that councils would still be able to withdraw the right to alto or extend individual buildings or those within a stated area. Among the suggested amendments listed in the circular but diopped from the order are that alterations to shop fronts should be excluded from planning permission requirements; the redefinition of highways to exclude footpaths; and the principle that house extensions should be calculated on the present, rather than the original, size of the building.

That was at 12.31 pm. After the call for help had been received by one of the three London fire control centres at surveys on the scene on Wembley, Stratford and Croy-Take some friends toaparty



Local community role in vouth employment plan strongly that the schemes should be run by community bodies, including local authority

Mr Geoffrey Holland, director of the special programmes divi-sion of the Manpowers Services Commission, sought to reassure local authorities and youth organizations yesterday on whether local community bodies will be involved in the development of the Government's new opportunities programme for the young unemployed.

The programme would require participation of a wide range of institutions, groups and interests at community, local authority, regional and central government levels, Mr Holland told a one-day conference in London on the implementation of the Holland report, organized by the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Local authorities and youth

organizations have expressed anger over reports of a Man-Services Commission plan for the programme to be run by 28 large area boards, staffed by civil servants. Many ministers, however, including the Secretary of State for Education and Science, feel the same labour market.

Food and drugs

By Our Consumer Affairs

The Government is to revise the Food and Drugs Acr, 1955 the main legislation dealing with the composition, labelling, bygiene and safety of food. Mr Strang, Parliamentary Secretary

Strang, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture,

amounced in a written reply in the Commons yesterday that the object would be to bring the

Act up to date with advances in food technology and changes in food distribution

The new legislation will also

have to take account of EEC directives, which have to be enforced in Britain.

Act to

be revised

Correspondent

Pensioners see minister

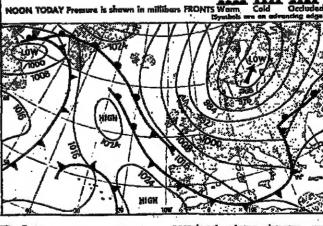
More than two thousand pensioners lobbied MPs at Westminster yesterday as part of their campaign for higher pensions. Later they met Mr Orme, Minister for Social

Mr Fred Baker the pen-sioners' leader, said: "Mr Orme was impressed and said he would ake note of our demands for a review. We are

Ships collide

The British Rail ferry Southsea and the minesweeper Nurton were involved in a collision at Portsmouth Harbour

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun-sets: 12.2 pm 10.1 pm
First quarter: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 4.40 pm to 6.52 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.57
am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 5.27 pm, 7.2m
(23.5ft). Avonmouth, 10.37 am.
12.3m (40.4ft); 11.3 pm, 11.8m
(38.6ft). Dover, 2.2 am, 6.5m
(21.6ft); 2.34 pm, 6.3m (20.7ft).
Hull, 9.34 am, 7.1m (23.3ft); 9.43
pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Liverpool, 2.22
am, 8.9m (29.2ft); 2.46 pm, 9.0m
(29.6ft).

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, E Midhands: Sunny at first, perhaps isolated showers in afternoon; wind NW moderate or fresh; temp 7 or 8°C

SW England, Channel Islands:
Sunny intervals, occasional squally
showers; wind NW fresh or
strong; max temp 7 or 8°C
E. central N. NE, NW England,
W Midlands, Wates, Lake District,
Isle of Man: Sunny intervals, Abrotici s 21 70
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The Meteorological Office yester-day issued the following 30-day forecast: Mild, disturbed W wenther types are expected to pre-dominate but with one or two

30-day Forecast

on hills; wind NW strong; max temp 7°C (45°F). Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Sugny

Outlook for tomorrow and Pri-day: Little change at first, but W districts may become cloudier,

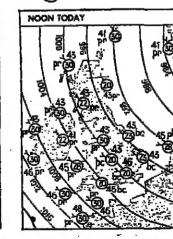
with rain.
Sea passages: S North Sea,
Strait of Dover, English Channel
(E): Wind NW, strong, occasion.

ally gale at first; sea very rough,

becoming rough.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea:
Wind NW, strong, occasionally
gale; sea very rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; f, fair Cologno C 8 46 L Palmas a 23 72
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temp 7°C (45°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee,
SW Scotland, Glasgow: Sunny
spells, scattered wintry showers,
snow on hills; wind NW strong;
max temp (7°C (45°F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands,
Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland,
Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, Ireland;
Occasional wintry showers, snow
on hills ,sunny intervals; wind
NW strong to gale; max temp 5
or 6°C (41 to 43°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Prifurther cold N outbreaks. Mean temperatures will probably be above average in all areas. Total rainfall is expected range from below average in East Anglia and SE England to above average in N and W Scotland, N Ireland, NW England and N Walet. Gales may continue to be more frequent than usual in the N and W, but occasions of frost, fog and the state of the second of t falling snow are likely to be below average in all districts.

Yesterday

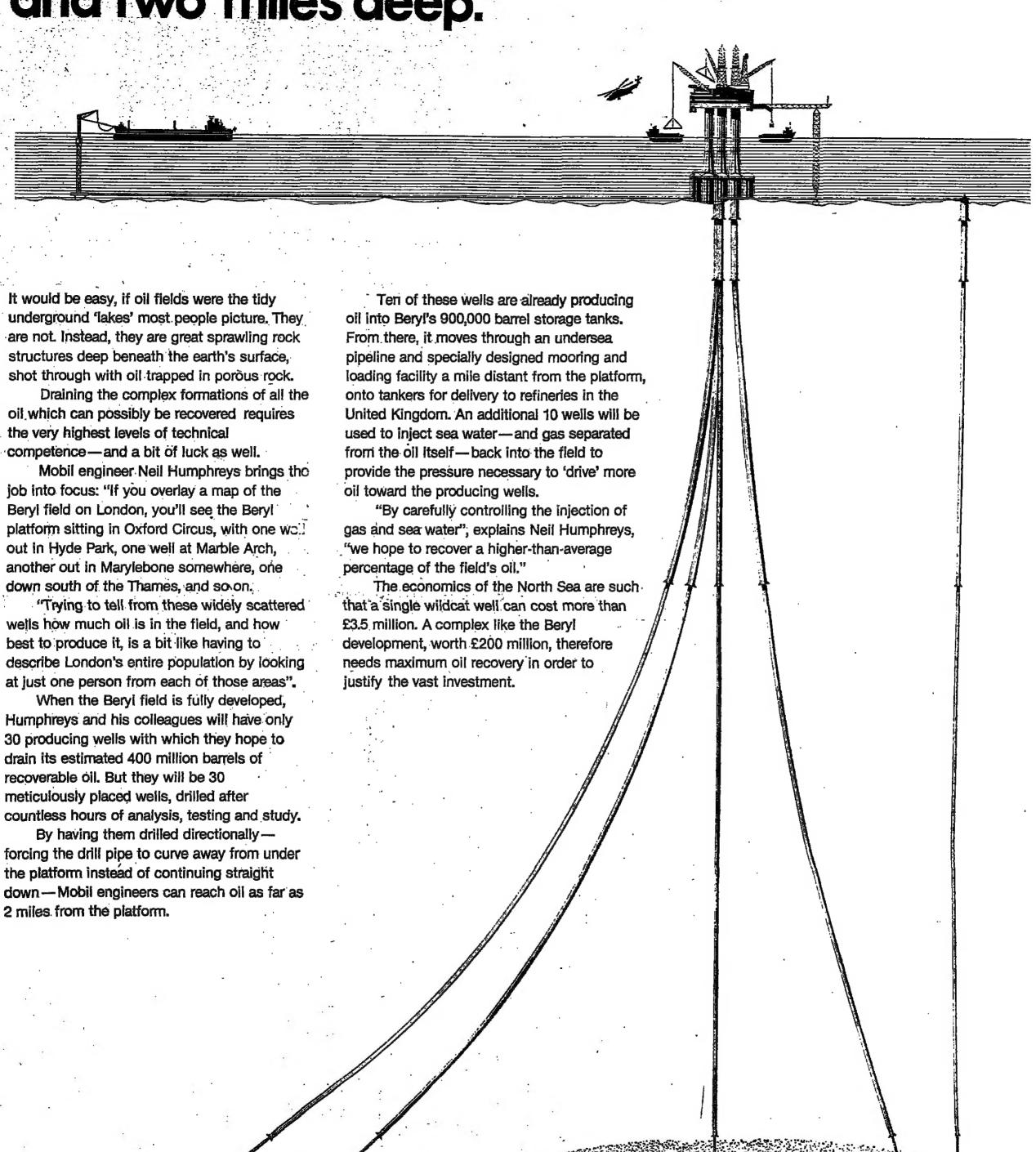
London: Temp: Max, 6 am to 6 pm, 9°C (48°F); min, 6 pm, to 6 am. 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 51 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 6.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 995.4 millibars, rising.

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HOME NEWS

Routine security at Scots hospital not enforced, report says

From Our Own Correspondent

Not enough attention was paid to enforcing routine security precautions at the stae hospital at Carstairs, Strath-clyde, the report of the public inquiry into the escape of two patients in November last year states. During the escape a male nurse, a police officer and another patient were mur-

The report, by Sheriff Principal Robert Reid, QC, makes more than forty recommendations on management and security at the hospital.

IKT SAYS THAT NURSE Neil McLellan, who was killed, acted with great courage. Had he counter-attacked with the he counter-attacked with the weapons he took from Thomas McCulloch, one of the patients, or attempted to escape, the results might have been very different. Instead he had attempted to secure Robert Mone and Ian Simpson, two other patients, and to disarm Mr McCulloch.

The report found that Mr McCulloch must have spent up to two hours in the woodwork ing department at th ehospital making knives and swords. It recommends that there should be more control over work done in the department and

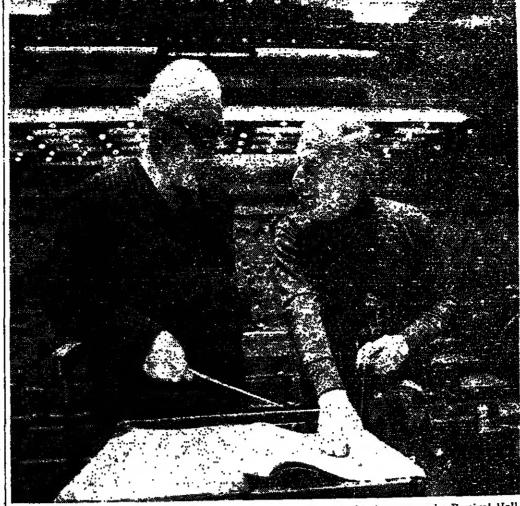
over the issue of materials and the dispotal of metal waste. Other recommendations the report include the erection of a second fence around the

west wing of the hospital, the appointment of someone with a thorough and up-to-date know ledge of prison security t the management together with two nurses not members of staff.

A security officer should be employed to assist the princi-pal nursing officer, and an annual inspection should be carried out by an independent expert, the report says.

The report pays tribute to the hospiti staff. They did work that few would consider undertaking, and they did it undertaking, and they did it with steady dedication, it says. Groups "irresponsible": Two groups, the Citizens' Commission for Human Rights and a "breakaway" body, the Committee for Social Justice and Menual Health Reform, both of which gave evidence at the inquiry, behaved irrespinsibly, the report says (the Press Association reports).

Association reports and failed to enforce routine security precautions, the report says. He had a lack of drive and very



Concert tribute: Sir Charles Groves (left) cele- gala concert in his honour at the Festival Hall. brated 10 years as associate conductor of the He is seen here rehearsing with Yehudi Menu-Royal Philharmonic Orchestra last night at a hin, who played Beethoven's violin concerto.

Royal commoner makes his mark in constitutional history

By Philip Howard

The son born yesterday to Princess Anne becomes fifth in line to the Throne, overtaking Princess Margaret and her children, Lord Lindey and Sarah Armstrong-Jones,

The 'Queen's first grand-child, born in the year of ber silver jubilee, has already made a curious footnote in constitutional history by being the first grandchild of a ruling sovereign for five centuries to be born a commoner. The last time that happened was early in the sixteenth century. Cicely, third daughter of Edward IV, married plain Thomas Kyme in 1504 and, had a son and a daughter by

Buckingham Palace has amounced that Captain Phillips will not be given a title and Princess Anne will not be created a duchess or given a title in her own right. Those were the only ways that the baby could be born into the peerage, in spite of being fifth in the succession. Captain Philnd Princess Anne

Titles are but nicknames. Titles are but nicknames, and every nickname is a title. Neverheless, the decision creates nice constitutional precendents and paradoxes. It raises the probability that no more heredity titles will be created, which would increasingly isolate the hereditary momerchy as a unique institution. We shall have to wait and see what happens to any see what happens to any children that Prince Andrew

and Prince Edward have. Princess Anne's child is bound in the course of time to have various duries on behalf of the Queen, notably as a Counsellor of State. Those counsellors have been appointed from the earliest times during the absence of the Sovereign abroad to prevent delay or difficulty in the dispanch of public business".

dispents of public business."

On reaching the age of 18 the child will become eligible to be a counseflor of state ahead of Princess Margaret, and will certainly have to serve a turn, for any children of Prince Andrew and Prince Edward will be too young at least for a time to act as coun-

That will create the agree-eble and fashionable precedent

that any statutes or other offi-cial documents that have to be signed in the Queen's absence will bear a commoner's signa-ture for the first time in our constitutional history, exclud-ing Oliver Cromwell from the

The reason that the child inherits no time through Prininherits no title through Princess Anne derives from the
changes in 1917 to the name
and title of the House of
Windsor. Before those changes
the granddauginers of Edward
VII, for example, took the title
Her Highness Princess (Alexendra and Maud) from their
mother, Princess Louise. Normaily a title is given to the
feather. The Earl of Snowdon
was given her very much at the was given his very much at the eleventh hour of the preg-

member of that select group, the Royal Family. In Great Britain it is possible to be a member of the Royal Family without having any kind of title. For example, Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar is in the dist, and, what is more, senior to Princess Alice, Comptess of Athione, who is a British Royal Highness.

The baby will be senior Princess Margaret and all the rest except the Queen's own children. Other official members of the Royal Family are Sir Henry Abel-Smith, the Hon Gerald Lascelles, and the Dukes of Fife and Besufort.

The baby expected by the Duchess of Gloucester will be eigher Lord or Lady (Christian name) Windsor, depending on

The closest precedent to Princess Anne's case is that of Princess Alexandra, the Princess Anne's case is that of Princess Alexandra, the Queen's cousin. She accepted no courtesy title for herself or her husband, Mr Angus Ogilvy; and accordingly their children are plain Master James and Miss Marina Ogilvy. Mr Rees, the Home Secre-

tary, was not obliged to be present at the birth as he would have been 30 years ago. The remarkable custom necessitating the attendance of the Home Secretary at royal births had no constitutional basis, but it was strictly adhered to.

It did not, as is commonly elieved, even date from the warming pan incident of

that the baby born to James II's Queen, Mary of Modena, had died shortly after birth and that a substitute had been smuggled into St James's Palace in a warming-pan, to Palace in a warming-pain, to become eventually the Old Pretend or, to the Jacobites, King James III. There is, in fact, no clue to the origin of the custom, which was abandoned on the occasion of the light of the present Prince of

birth of the present Prince of Wales on November 14, 1948. Mr Patrick Montague-Smith, the edisor of Debrett's Peerage, the editor of Debret's Peerage, said yesterday that whatever Princess Aine had chosen to do about a title would have created a precadent. "In the past royal princesses married either a prince or a member of the peerage. In either case their children had a title

"Never before has the situation arisen in which the monarch's grandchild is a commonarch's grandchild is a com-moner; but, equally, never before has a royal princess-been created a peeress." Mr Montague-Smith said he was mildly surprised that neither parent accepted a hicle, but "I suppose it is the trend now".

Tass claims most of its pay deals

top 10 pc

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter
The militant white collar
section of the Amaignmated Union of Engineering Workers said yesterday that most of the pay settlements now being negotiated for its members are

outside the Government's 10 per cent guidelines.

Mr Harry Smith, national organizer of the Union's Tech-Administrative and ory Section (Tass) Supervisory Section (Tass) said: "We guess that the increases average about 18 per

The Engineering Employers' Federation said last night that it would be distressed if settlements were as high as 18 per cent "but we are aware of the danger that the drift is going

in that direction".

The original aim was for single figure settlements that would drift to 10 per cent. Then 10 per cent became acceptable and with wage drift they will obviously exceed that."

tbat. The federation added that if the Tass settlements were in engineering concerns "they are either few and far between or otherwise they have not or otherwise they have not been reported yet. We have not had any significant number of reports about settlements in

excess of 10 per cent."

The latest Tass journal maintains that a large multinational company in the north-east has given increases of more than 17.5 per cent on flat rates to Tass members. A south-east office of the same company, it says, has given up to 39 per

Another company, it says, was so alarmed by the drift of staff to better paid jobs at a firm near by that it gove rises of between 20 and 30 per cent. The engineering industry bargains at plant level, so the Government finds it virtually impossible to monitor the general devel of increases. Even Tags is not told of all local senitrments.

semirments.
Consequently it is impossible to assess accurately the pay mends, but it appears that meny small firms are prepared

many small firms are prepared to give awards above 10 per cent without telling the Department of Employment, assuming that the department will not find out.

It is also believed that a few settlements have breached the TUC's 12-mooth rule.

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers said yesterday that its members employed by the leading multiple grocery supermarker chains employed by the leading muchple grocery supermarket chains
had voted by a majority of two
to one to accept a 10 per cent
award. The rise, which is backdated to last week, will benefit
100,000 staff.

Soldier-bashing expedition Damages claim by man who by gang, counsel says

Fourteen young men boked for anyone who had short hair when they went on soldierbeshing expeditions, but two of their victims were students, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. The prosecution allaged that the defendents said they wanted revenge for trouble they said soldiers had been causing in

Judge Argyle, QC, told the defendants, who had pleaded guilty to various offences: "If a fire breaks out at your home tonight and your grandparents or brothers are in danger, are you going to call the Army, who you know will 'have a go', or will you have the guts and 'have a go' yourselves?"

In the dock were: David In the dock were: David Brewer, aged 18, student, of The Beidreys, Farnham, Surrey; Gor-don Powell, aged 20, driver, of

Sendy Hill Estate, Farnham: Alan Williams, aged 19, labourer, of Sandy Hill Estate; Keith White, aged 20, of Upper Way, Farnham; Mark Atkins, aged 18, junior draughtsman, of The Baldreys; David Boniface, aged 18, roofing contractor, of Stoke Hill, Estate; John Wood, aged 17, of Arthur Road, Farnham: Barry Cole, aged 19, machine operator, of Sandy Hill Estate; Stephen Clark, aged 23, milkman, of West Ring, Tongham, Stephen White, aged 16, quarry worker, of Talbot Read, Farnham, and four school-

defendants various public houses and finished up at Bordon, near the Army camp. They carried pick-axe or shovel handles and attacked three Territorial Army

The next weekend their vic-tim was a student, Stephen Trebble, aged 19, at Ash Vale. He was attacked and robbed of £3.60 and his keys. The trial continues today.

alleges beating by police From Our Correspondent Manchester

A man was beaten up in a police station by five or six officers and later struck with a truncheon while being held down in a cell, it was alleged at the High Court in Manchester yesterday.

Mr Terence Loftus, aged 34, was found to have kidney damage and had psychiatric treatment for depression because of his experiences at the police station, Mr Patrick Russell, QC. his counsel, said. He was taken to a police station after being stopped while driving a van. It to a police station after being stopped while driving a van. It was suggested that he had stolen scrap metal or had handled it dishonestly.

Mr Russell continued: "The metal belonged to his em-ployers, a firm of demolition contractors, and he was lawfully driving the vehicle. The police were not satisfied, and he was escorted to a police station, the tice Cartiey, continues today.

scene of a disgraceful sequence

of events".

Mr Loftus is claiming damages for unlawful arrest, false imprisonment, assault, and malicious prosecution. The malicious prosecution. The Chief Constable of Manchester denies all the allegations. Mr Russell said that inquiries

were made at Willert Street police station which Mr Loftus felt cleared him of theft or handling. He became impatient and decided to leave. "He says he was struck by a police officer as he tried to do so. "A number of officers set about him, beating him badly with their fists and in a cell a

truncheon was used, causing serious injuries to his kidneys."
Mr Russell said that later

magistrates dismissed charges against Mr Loftus of assaulting an officer, and damaging a shirt and watch The hearing before Mr Jus-

Grunwick woman workers to hold hunger strike

Woman strikers at the Grunwick film processing plant, to north-west London, are to start a hunger strike tomorrow, it Communist Party's national congress in London yesterday.

Mr Tom Durkin, Brent oranch, London, said the strike night fail unless the whole trade union movement could be mobilized behind it, so a bunger strike was to be held outside the headquarters of the TUC to persuade it to act. -

Wednesday.

The strike had demonstrated to black workers the support olant, to black workers the support start of white trade unionists. A defeat world be disastrous for race relations. "We have got to go into action to win this battle for democracy, for black people and for union rights."

The 400 delegates unantimously passed a motion congratulating the strikers on their "courageous and magnificent" 15-month struggle. It called on the TUC General held Council and the unions concerned to cut off all services, in-

oerned to cut off all services, in-cluding post, power and water, Demonstrations would be "The Grunwick factory.

The Grunwick strike has mounted outside the TUC Gen-shown that existing legislation

join a upion, to strike and picket", it said. Delegates voted overwhelm-ingly for the new draft of the angly for the new draft of the party programme, The British Road to Socialism. Only 29 votes were cast against the document, which advocates a "broad democratic alliance" against capitalism.

It declares that the transi-tion to socialism will be brought about through a series of left-Labour governments, and socialist governments and socialist governments would be subject to the ballot box. All parties would be toler-ated "even those hostile to socialism ".

Although the British Com munist Party dislikes the term cent.

eral Council meeting next does not guarantee the right to Euro-communism, its philosophy clearly has much in com-mon with the French and Italian parties, which have been working with other par-tees on the left for several

> local branches 2,600 amendments to the new draft, the drafting committee accepted 170 in principle and 77 conditionally; 1,300 were remitted to the executive. About 900 were not acceptable. The delegates, representing 245 workplaces and 583 local branches, were on average three years older than the last congress two years ago and in-cluded fewer women, 172 per cent compared with 22 per

Only half education college Boy of 15 ordered to be teachers are graduates

By Our Education
Correspondent
Only just over half the teachers of future teachers in colleges of education in 1975 were graduates, according to government figures published today. In other institutions of further and higher education, excluding universities, fewer rhan two fifths of the reaching staff were graduates. On March 31, 1975, there

were 10,810 teachers in colleges of education in England, and Wales, of whom 6,166 or 57 per cent, were graduates. Of the 63,194 teachers in other institutions of further education, 37 per cent were graduates. In the polytechnics two fifths of the 13,000 lecturers and professors were not graduates. In state schools, two fifths of the 216,736 secondary school teachers were graduates but

primary school teachers, were. The Government has said it hopes there will be an allgraduate entry into the teaching profession by 1979 or 1980. In direct grant grantmar schools 4,474 of the 6,996 teachers or nearly two in every

three, were graduates. That is a higher proportion even than in the independent schools recognized by the Government as efficient where 12,672 of the 22,251 teachers were graduates.

In all educational establishments men were more likely to have degrees man women. Women ournumbered men by three to one in state primary schools, but in secondary schools there were four men to schools there were four men to-every three worden. Statistics of Education 1975, volume 4, trachers. (Stationery Office, 27).

detained for life only 8 per cent of the 201,318

has ordered at Stafford Crown Court yesterday to be detained for life.

Mr Maurice Drake, QC, for the prosecution, said the boys were making their camp on waste ground at Darlaston, when the younger one went to get some wood.

When he returned, unheard, counsel said, he came up behind the defeant who caught him an accidental blow with tim unconscious and knocked him bleeding to the ground. "It seems then that seeing his small friend bleening and

A boy of 15 who kiled his playmate, aged seven, with a panicked. He hit him a further hammer while they were build some reason he is unable to the high hand. explain why he tied his hard behind his back with wire and covered the boy's body with a coat and wen t home."

The 15-year-old, said to e immature and educationally sub-normal, pleaded no r guilty to the murder of Andrew Lees, of Herbert Park Rand, Darlaston; The plea was accepted.

Ted Ray's death

Ted Ray, the comedian, of Mindmore dill. London, died from a heart centack. De Arnold Mendota, the depthy coroner said at Horney Yesterday when he recorded a verdict of death



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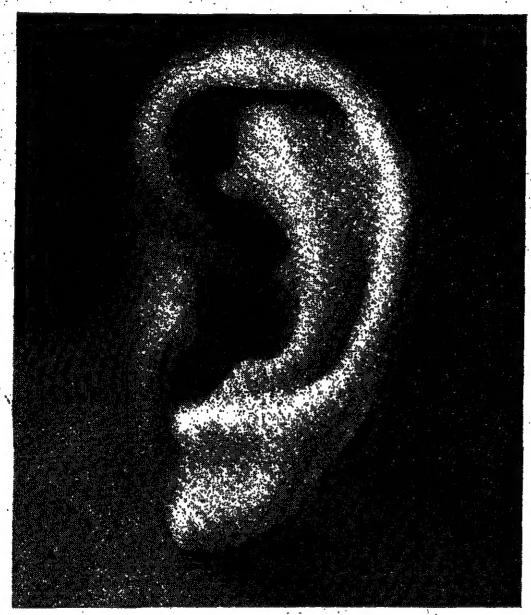
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From Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent Stoneleigh, Warwickshire Stoneleigh, Warwickshire
Landowners should break
down barriers against young
people who want to farm by
offering short-term tenancies,
Mr Peter Ciffard, a member of
the Northfield committee on
buying and occupation of farmland, said yesterday.

He said in one of the first
public statements by a member of the committee, set up in
September by Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food: "I think fixed-term
tenancies have a lot of future."
He wanted a young man of, say,

He wanted a young man of, say, 25 to be given the chance of a tenancy that would be guaranteed to last five years.

That is an unusual concept,

since long duration is considered a cardinal feature of useful agricultural activity. Although Mr Giffard emphasized

though Mr Giffard emphasized that his statement was not a guide to the committee's views, Mr Silkin has told it to investigate "the difficulties facing young people who wish to enter farming as their career".

Mr Giffard was speaking at a conference held on the site of the Royal Show at which speakers debated the squeeze exerted on the delicate fabric of agricultural holdings by shrinking area, haphazard planning, and rapidly rising land prices.

Mr Tom Boden, vice-president of the National Farmers' Union, of the National Farmers' Union, said it was also squeezed by a national obsession with cheap food. "We are looking for a society in which food is valued on the basis of a reasonable standard of living for all those who are involved in its production, including the landlord. We in this country have never valued food in its proper

perspective."
Threats to the survival of good farmland were bighlighted by Mr Roger Sayce, chief surveyor in the Government's farm advisory service. In the early 1970s farmland had been lost in Britain at a rate of 73,000 was very quickly and simply converted to other uses.

Marxists in higher education, 3: Non-formal institutions and the media

Annual communist universities and courses at a 'Red Weekend'

By Ian Bradley

The allegations of Marxist infiltration made in the Gould report concern not only the universities and polytechnics; but also the less formal and instinutional parts of the higher education system. In particular, Professor Julius Gould and his associates are concerned about the Communist University of London, the Open University and trends in publishing.

The educational activities of the Communist Party, and in particular the growth of the annual university it runs, are regarded with deep suspicion by those who believe there is a concerted Marxist conspiracy to take over institutions of higher education. The Gould report published as an appendix a full list of participants in last year's Communist University, an action regarded as McCarthyist by those on the left.

Dr John Marks, lecturer in

Dr John Marks, lecturer in physics at North London Polytechnic, quotes articles from Marxism Today outlining the Communist Party's strategy of changing the content of courses in universities and polytechnics

revolution in Britain. There is no doubt that the involvement of the Communist Party in higher education has increased in the past decade. When the Communist University started in 1969 it attracted 120 participants. This year 1,350 people attended the nine-

annual communist universities in other places. A "Red Week-end" in Manchester earlier t month featured courses ... sexual, policies, health and social care, and science and sexual, policies, hea social care, and soie technology.

Mr Kenneth Spours, student organizer of the Com-munist Party, says the purposes of the Communist University is

"to develop a British Marxist tradition and link the concepts of theory and practice. He unterly rejects any suggestion that the communists are intolerant and underhand in their approach. He says: "We do not seek a monopoly of Marxism, but a debate within a pluralist framework. It is not the job of lecturers to tell students they must come to par-

revolutionaries."

The Open University is another target of the Gould report. Two of its courses cause particular concern: schooling and society, which is a course largely raken by teachers; and patterns of inequality, which is a third-level social science course.

The accusation against the

schooling and society course is that it presents education purely that it presents education purely as a function of the capitalist system and questions whether it is in any way worth while. One of the students taking the course wrote in a letter to The Times Educational Supplement:

"I can only label it as a packaged recipe for anarchy and chaos, unrelieved in its bias by any ray of hope either in the goodness of God or man, nor any salute to the achievement of either."

Mr Geoffrey Esland, lecturer

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Mr Geoffrey Esland, lecturer
in sociology in the educational
studies faculty of the Open University and a member of the course team that produced schooling and society, admits

beneficial activity and to suggest that it is merely reproducing rhose aspects of existing
society which create injustice.
It does certainly challenge the
predominance of the liberal
view of education. He points
out that schooling and society
is only one of more than 10
Open University courses on
education.

He believes it is important to He believes it is important to challenge the prevailing attitudes of teachers and present them with radical alternatives. The course questions the use of drugs to control hyperactive children, argues that traditional curricula may lead to sex stereotypes, and presents the view that intelligence testing per-petuates class divisions.

The critics of schooling and society maintain that it deliberately aims to politicize teachers and make them lose faith in their vocation. Mr Eskand rejects that. He says: "It is hard to separate the intellectual and political purpose of the course, although the intellectual purpose is unormore. In Maryist pose is uppermost. In Marxist terms all knowledge is political.

then a change in their practice could be the outcome."

The course specifically focuses on the local educational systems created in response to the recent revolution in Portugal.

Mrs Caroline Cox, former Mrs Caroline Cox, former head of the sociology department at North London Polytechnic, has complained both in the Open University's newspaper, Sesame, and in the Gould report that the patterns of inequality course is "intellectually distonest and a platform for blatantly political views". Her complaint is that the course gives the impression that poverty and inequality are peculiar to capitalist peculiar to capitalist Mr Graham

thairman of the course team that produced patterns of inequality, says ir was deliberately decided to concentrate only on Britain and not discuss the state of communications. discuss the state of communist

position on inequality. The position that presents itself as neutral is itself political in that it is defending the existing social organization. There is no such thing as disinterestedness in the sense that it is used by liberal ideologists.

Like Mr Esland, Mr Thompcan points our that all Open University courses are produced by teams of 30 or more academics of widely different political persuasions, so there is no possibility of one particular view being able to predominate.

dominate.

Academic publishers also come under attack in the Gould come under attack in the Gould report for the Marxist bias of their books. The report specifically mentions the now defunct education showly of Penguin Books as providing an honoured imprint for a variety of left-wing materials. It goes on to say: "Routledge and Kegan Paul and Macmillan are two houses which have entered energetically into supplying the Marxist need."

Marxist need".

Mr Perer Hopkins, editorial director of Routledge, responds to that accusation by saying:

"I thought that was what capitalism was all about."

Mr Shaie Shelzer, social sciences editor at Macmillans, similarly says that publishers are simply responding to the market in bringing out Marxist works. Both Rounledge and Macmillan say their academic lists are balanced and that they publish works because they represent good scholarship regardless of their political bias.

The attitude to the Gould report's allegations of Marxist bias differs markedly at different levels of the higher education system. In universities it is probably fair to say that it has met with a generally dismissive, even hostile, response. In polytechnics, colleges of

In polytechnics, colleges of education and among those concerned with reaching vocational subjects there seems to be more disposition to take the allegations seriously. It is there that some expression is found that some agreement is found for the assertion of Professor David Martin, Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics, that "there is a constant disting away at the of Economics, that there is a constant digging away at the sense of well-being within our society, and the substitution of an arritated sense that every-

Bob Monkhouse on three more plot charges

Bob Monkhouse, the tele-vision performer faced three more conspiracy charges at Mariborough Sweet Magistrates Court, London, yesterday, accusing him of plots during back to 1966 to defraud film distri-

buting companies.
Mr Monkbouse, aged 49, of Claridge's, Eglington, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, was further remanded on bail until February 7.

Hebruary 7.

The new charges allege that he conspired with others on days daing back to December 1, 1966, to defraud Columbia Warner, 20th Century Fox, the Film Distributors' Association Lad, Rameld Harris Cinema Services, and other film distributors out of hira feet for 16mm tors out of hire fees for 16mm

house on similar charges three other men were also remanded on baid to the same date.

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They were Anthony Scott, aged 33, a company director, of Woodhurst Road, Acton, London; Roueld Van-Sintart, aged 30, an engineer, of Alric Avenue, New Malden, Surrey;

Jane Bernatt aged 40. and Brian Barnett, aged 40, a film distributor, of Bushey Heath, Hertfordsbire. All four also face an original charge of couspiring to cheat and defraud Columbia Warner Film Distri-

Films quoted in the charges include A Man for all seasons, Major Dundee, The innocents, Let's Make Love, Baby Maker, The Adventures of Robin Hood, Dodge City, and San Quentin.

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Burglars left woman of 85 to die, prosecution says

From Our Correspondent

Reading Two young burglars gagged, bound and blindfolded a woman aged 85 and left her to die, it was alleged at Reading Crown

Mr David Jeffreys, QC, for the prosecution, said they tied her legs and waists with her dressing gown cord and used other clothing to gag and blind-fold her before stealing her pension book, three rings, sav-ings certificates, and £150 cash.

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It was four days before relatives found her body. A parhonogist had said she had died of a heart amack suffered some time after the burghay, but had remained alive for at least a day after that, counsel added.

He said Mrs Moreili had been an independent woman who lived stone in her house in Durringson Road, Hackney, east London, because she wasted to hook efter herself. She normally took precautions before answer-ing the door.

ing the door.

Leroy Gilpin, aged 25, her former nextdoor neighbour, mw of no fixed address, and Andrew George, aged 19, of Seven Sisters Rnad, London, pleaded not guilty to murdering Mrs Morelli. Mr George also denied burgling her home between May 18 and 26.

In an alleged statement, Mr Gilpin admined breaking in and said: "I am very stary. I did not mean this to happen. She was a nice lady."

The wind continues today.



Mr Howell, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment (left), watching children at the Diamond Riding Centre for the Handicapped, Carshalton, Surrey.

widows of Windscale men

Two widows wino contended that their husbands died as a result of working at the Windstale nuclear power plant were awarded a combined total of more than £30,000 by the High Court in Carlisle yesterday.

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They were Mrs Gladys
Troughton and Mrs Joan King,
who claimed dameges against
British Nuclear Fuels.

Mr Jonathan Troughton, of
Queens Park, Million, Cumbria,
died in 1975 from myeloms, a
rare cancer. His body was
found to have more than the
internationally prescribed maximum level of plutonium.

Mr Henry King, of Park
View, Egrement, Cumbria, died
in 1973 of a brain tumour. He
retised from Windscale in 1971
because of partial blindness.
The two sides amounced
yesterday that they had
reached agreement.

A statement read on behalf
of the two chamanns said that

Reisell Nuclear Fuels.

Herron, clerk to the Presbytery
of Glasgow and a former
Moderator of the General
Ascembly of the Church of
Scotland, are to be chairmen
of the "Scotland is British"
campaign
was would say they were against
devolution. The campaign was
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for improvement in the handling of Scottish affairs by the
Government. "Our quarrel,
and it is a serious one, is with
the proposals contained in the

of the two cleimants said that British Nuclear Fuels admitted

death, and agreed to pay his widow £22,441. The company denied lishility for Mr King's death, but agreed to pay £8,000.

£30,000 award to New joint chairmen for 'Scotland is British' From Our Own Correspondent tion to those problems which

Lord Wilson of Langside,

OC, former Sheriff Principal of

devolution Bill." Sensible political judgment was that the Bill would make things worse and would set the stage for separation. "It is irrelevant in that it demonstrably can make no contribu-

must concern people; inflation. Glasgow and Straithhelvin, and It is ill considered in that it the Very Rev Dr Amirow seam demonstrably proceeds to die Presbytery not upon considerations but upon those of ill judged electoral expediency."

Lord Wilson said because they believed it would, if anything, add to rather than solve difficulties and would thus disappoint expectations. He described as frightening the provision empowering the Secretary of State to lay before

Parliament a draft order providing for repeal of the Act if it appeared that it should not be brought into effect having

Dr Herron said he had not met enybody who saw in the Bill a recipe for recreating the Scottish nation, culture or economy. "Scotland needs economy. "Scotland needs less government, not more", be said.

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Scottish attitudes on devolution, 2: Shetland

17,000 anxiously eye the oil revenues

remains that if it were not for the thereat to United Kingdom party seats from the Scottish nationalists, devolution would not have the significance it now commands.

Devolution, in short, has become more important to the political machinery north of the border, in spite of the great constitutional implication of the Bills now before Parliament A Scottish assembly, and allowing more direct control over the Scottish economy.

Where the economy is in poor condition that may sound the administrators are skilled enough to Twe better government. Where industry is healthy and a considerably mad the administrators are skilled enough to Twe better government. Where industry is healthy and a considerable degree of local independence has already been archieved, the assembly, mad a considerably of assembly in Bditaburgh seems a sinister challenge.

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From Rouald Faux
Edinburgh

Jobs, the cost of living, and pay all rank higher in the priorities of most Scots than devolution.

It is an unexciting word to the average worker on Clydeside and seems largely nurblated to the root problems of his country. The suspicion remains that if it were not for the threat to United Kingdom party seats from the Scottish nationalists, devolution would seem of the world's largest oil terminals.

Land speculators were outdesshed in a referendum, a delegation will meet Mr Smith, Minister of State in the Privy Council Office in London that it must have sufficient powers to guard against the sasurances that Sherland will be safeguarded in the Act against to sing status, the oil revenues or rate support grant. The Shetland Times has attacked the council. The same making sacrifices in the registration will meet Mr Smith, Minister of State in the Privy Council Office in London to the average worker on Clydeside and seems largely unrelated to the root problems of his country. The suspicion will meet Mr Smith, Minister of State in the Privy Council Office in London to the solution will meet Mr Smith, Minister of State in the Privy Council Office in London to the safeguarded in the Act against to sing status, the oil terminals.

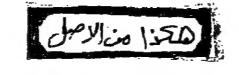
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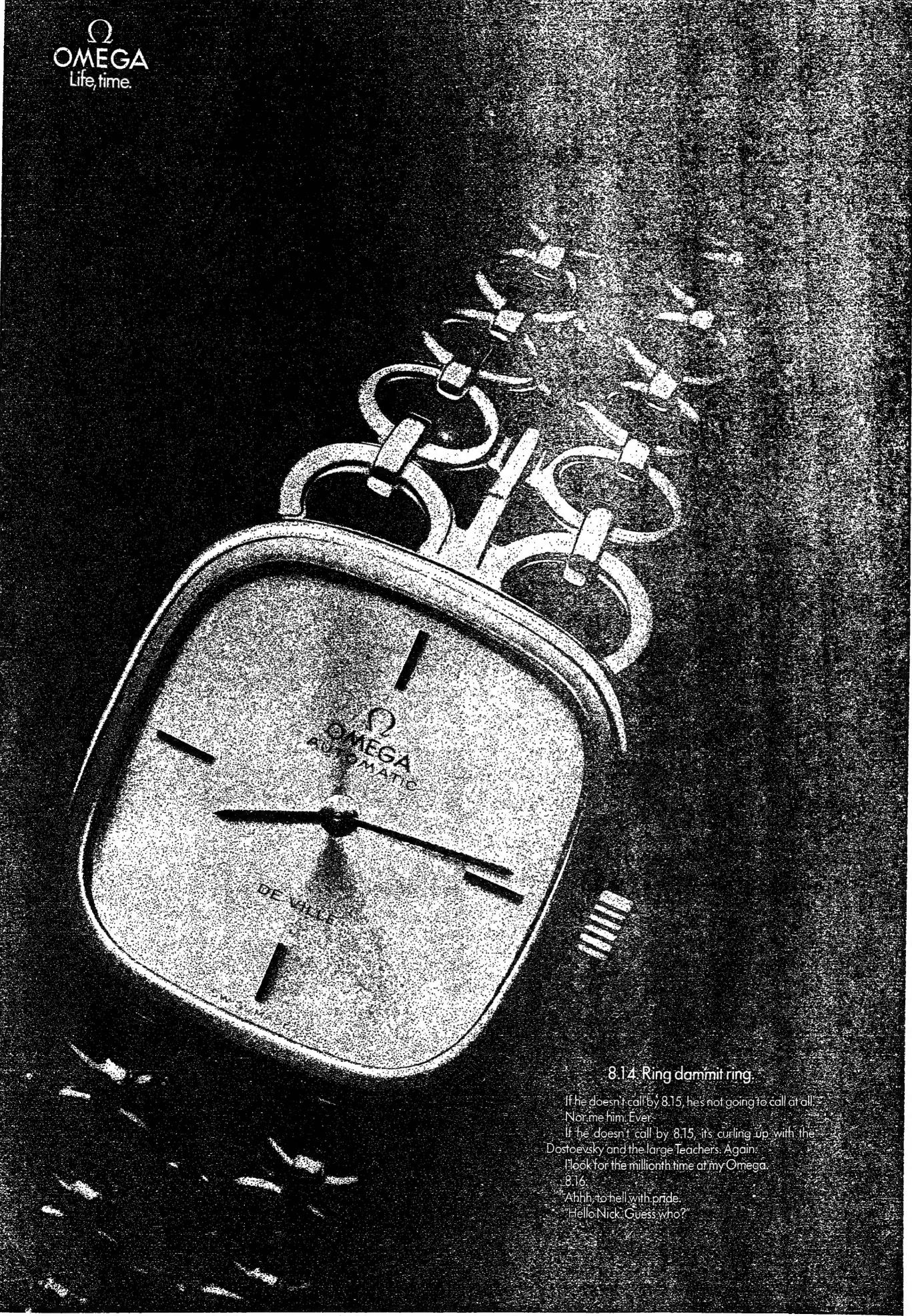
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Rate-support grant for the local authorities aims to keep average increase below a tenth

Local Government Correspondent

Government's support grant to local authoritics to be announced on Friday, will seek to avoid any heavy burden on the racepayers.

With the continuing need to restrict public spending, local government can expect no chance to expand services. The grant for next year aims to hold rate rises to less than a tenth over the country as a whole; but there are bound to be fluctuations.

This year the fight for shares has been between the cities, represented by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, and the non-metropolitan areas, represented by the Association of Councy Councils. It appears that the cities have won the

argument.

The complicated formula is to be based on the existing regression analysis method, which sets our to relate the level of spending by councils with the incidence of social need. Then is what the AMA demanded, what the ACC opposed, and its broad effect is to favour the big ciries at the expense of the counties.

The Government, however, has been persuaded that the effect in certain areas might cause serious loss of grant to counties that have suffered in

AVERAGE DOMESTIC RATE PAYMENTS 1977-78

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Elmbridge (Surrey)	223.04		101.		
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Manchester (M)	148.00		93.		
Chester	135.63		93.		
Nuneaton		Carditf	90.		
Newcastle upon Tyne (M)			89.		
Birmingham (M)		Durham	87.		
Salisbury		Swansea	85.		
Bath		Carlisle	73.		
Ipswich		Carmarthen	47.		
Maidstone	108.63		32		

" safety net" too far.

For the present year the Government reduced its pro-Government reduced its proportion to cover local revenue spending by 4.5 per cent to 61 per cent. Since 2 per cent of the cut was to be absorbed by the use of council balances, the local authority associations believe the proportion should be increased for next year. The Government has rejected their argument, pointing to the fact that many local authorities still have considerable balances

able balances
It seems that the Government will keep its proportion at 61 per cent, although a small reduction is more likely than

n increase. The use of cash limits has

prevent the grant from falling local authorities, and has too far. proved a successful, it some times barsh, instrument. For next year the limit will be fixed in line with the Government's pay policy, and that will inevitably mean that local authorities will take an uncompromising attitude in negotiating the pay of the faremen and the million manual workers in their employment. their employment. One decision

One decision anxiously awaited concerns London. Because of its high ratable values it would normally be entitled to a share of the grant considered disproportionately high. Clawback is a device used to take back some of that grant, and for this year's settlement the level of clawback was doubled.

Children do IRA work, SDLP man says

From Christopher Walker

The increasing tendency of the Provisional IRA to rely on schoolchildren for terrorist attacks is causing concern in Ulster, particularly among members of the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

An indication of the extent to which IRA recruiting is being concentrated in Roman Catholic schools was given last week in the cathedral city of Armagh, where 13 young people aged between 15 and 18 were charged at special courts with serious offences, "arying from attempted murder

Export licences withheld from into marriage, court told two Canalettos

By Our Arts Reporter Two paintings by Canaletto,
"Warwick Castle: the east
"ings" and "Warwick Castle:

ne car front from the courtyard", together valued at more than £500,000, have had their export licences withheld for six months by the Reviewing Com-Lord Donaldson of Kings-

bridge, Minister of State, Department of Education and Science, who is responsible for the arts, has accepted the com-mirree's recommendation. If a public collection in Britain offers to buy either of the paintings for £270,000 by midnight on May 11, 1978, the export licence for that painting

will not be granted.
The paintings, four Canalet tos altogether, are understood to have been sold to a buyer

in the United States.

Three were girl pupils at the school where Mr Seamus Mallon, a leading member of the SDLP, is a teacher. Yesterday on Irish radio. he con-demned the IRA. The god-fathers of violence are hiding behind these young people"

Mr Mallon, who recently took over as chairman of the SDLP's Constituency Representative Council, added: sentative Council, added:
"While these young people
were being arrested, being
interrogated; while they were being charged and while their parents were going through the torment of all that, the god-fathers were sitting quite safe

Houlton, ged 65, as a rich heiress with a house of her own
and a £2,000 car. Mr Houlton
was also promised £6,000 for
marrying her.
In fct, Miss Forbes was un-

employed, and helped to look after donkeys on the beach at Blackpool, it was spaked.

The prosectation said the architect of the curriage was Carol Ann Hodgson, ged 21, who, with her boy friend, had befriended Mr Houtton and then kept him a virtual prison-

er in their flat. Eventually he gave way to threats and tract-

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During the interview Ma failon, an Armagh city councillor, went out of his way to deny recent suggestions made by two Roman Catholic priests that some of the young people had been ill treated in police

custody.

Among many Protestant politicians Mr Malion has long been regarded as one of the more extreme members of the SDLP. The strength of his attack on the IRA and his unequivocal defence of the Royal Ulster Constabulary exainst local allegations are likely to improve the atmosphere for new talks about interim devolution, due to take place in the next few weeks.

was little doubt, counsel added, that that money was his own Miss Forbes, Miss Hodgson

Wealthy pensioner tricked ferred £11,000 to Miss Hodg A wealthy Blackpool pensioner was tricked into a marriage that was part of a plot to get his life savings of £23,000, the prosecution alleged at Preston Crown Court, Lancashire, yasterday.

Jean Forbes, aged 22, was introduced to Mr Frederick to the produced to Mr Frederick to the wedding at Blackpool Register Office Miss Forbes had produced an attache dase full of £3,000 and there gave up. There

be tolerated if they were caused by industry near the houses. Brent council had also found the Control of Poliution Act Miss Forbes, Miss Hodgson and her mother, Mrs Pamela Ivy Ritchie, aged 45, all of Laydock Gate, Blackpool, and Robin Dixon, aged 22, of Adeleide Street, Blackpool, have pleaded not guitty to conspiracy to defraud Mr Houtton of his money.

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'Irreparable | Industry damage to health from noise'

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

The cavernous recesses of Wembley Conference Centre are reverberating this week with the often soporific sound of 600 learned gentlemen carnestly discussing noise. The event is an international symposium organized by the Institute of Acoustics on behalf of the Federation of Acoustical Societies of Europe. It has attracted leading members of the World Realth Organization, ministers of European governments, and scientists from industry and from research and development

One message delivered loud and clear at the outset, by Professor Gerd Jansen, of the Johannes Gutenberg University, Johannes Gutenberg University, West Germany, was "noise can damage your health". Excess could irreparably damage the inner ear, but lower levels could cause uneasiness, annoyance, shock, fear and "other negative associations and strong feelings of discomfort".

Research had shown, the professor said, that in some countries as many as half the population were complaining of annoyance or disturbance by

annoyance or disturbance by

Nor does noise affect only the ears. It has effects on the the ears. It has effects on the vegetative nervous system, and hence on skin conductivity, the circulation, contraction of the pupils, the secretion of sweat and saliva, and the operations of the bowel and the stomach. These effects could not be called dangerous, but initiated stresses that might make illness

It is not noise that is un-healthy, Professor Jamsen sug-gested, so much as the "emo-tional and cognitive reactions, accompanied by other stress reaction patterns".

European responses have varied widely. Spain, according to Senor A. Garcia Senchermes, almost completely lacks legis-

the Control of Position Act totally ineffective in dealing with noise in public places.

Nor is it only humans who suffer. Mr D. G. J. Fanshawe. of Mullard, reported that research carried out with the Medical Research Council had above they afterward entering the property.

shown that ultrasonic emissions from remote controllers for

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doffs its cap to the housewife

set an example of the rest of sale mation and the trade unions, Lord Watkinson, president, said when wholing up the first national con-ference of the Confederation of British Industry, at Brighton British Industry, at Brighton
It any group of workers had
a special case it was the bousewives, he said. "There is no
union to speak for them or for
their children. If they are prepared to go on, rising prices and
all the rest, exercising moderation
in the national interest for a little
longer, should we not all follow
their example and should the trade
union movement not follow their
example too?"

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Lord Watkinson, who was given a standing ovation, also had a tribute for the "overtaxed and underestimated" induscristists.

I do not know anyone who has spoken to our conference who is not in the most accurate sense of the term a worker-director. Will lof us put in hours of work that would put most trade unionists to shame; only our wives know how company businest diminishes the time we have for our private lives.

"The mation should therefore take a greater pride than it does in the quality and shility of British management. It is the managers who provide the very sinews of our state; the cost of health, and education; the capital that



Lord Watkinson: "One ill-judged step will bring the whole rock face tumbling down on us

avalanche that will destroy us all.

"I know that a great many groups of trade unionists believe that they have a powerful case for more pay. But I hope they will listen when we say that with inflation at its present precarious step on the mountain of rising toosts to bring the whole rock face tumbling down on us all.

"If excessive pay increases force up the prices we charge for our products, as they will, we shall self fewer and fewer British inflation at its present precarious step on the mountain of rising will be out of job."

Legislative changes sought on union power

The Confederation of British In-dustry's conference at Edighton yesterday gave overwhelming sup-port to a resolution urging the CBI to press for specific amend-ments to industrial relations law that would avoid conflict with the unions and free business to Create

wealth.

Only a few dissenting hands were raised against the resolution, which asserted the need for a more equal balance of bargaining power between employer and employee, clearer accountability by trade unions to agreed procedures, and greater recognition of the freedom of the individual and the profitability of businesses.

Mr Active Whittell president of

provizibility of businesses.

Mr Astley Whittall, president of the Engineering Employers' Federation who proposed the motion, said employers were not looking for confrontation with the unions; the lest thing they wanted was my form of legislation that would create communition.

But they were becoming ar-

varied where; Spain, actorious to Senchermes, almost completely lacks legislation about noise.

In Holland, by contrast, the Government is contemplating noise rehabilitation programmes for industry, traffic and aircraft costing millions of guilders.

In West Germany, Dr Anegar Vogel of the Ministry of the Interior, reported, the Government motorized lawn mowers to the extent of making absolutely illegal the mowing of lawns with noisy machines at night. Only quiet models will be perited for use in the evenings after 7 pm

Brent, the London borough where the symposium is taking place, has other problems, according to a paper presented by Councillor lain Roxburgh, chairman of the locid housing committee.

Present British legislation, be said, "barely scratches the surface of the problem of traffic noise". The moise levels at the front doors of houses fronting the North Circular Road running through Brent would not be tolerated if they were caused by industry near the houses.

them.

The freedom of the individual was furestened by the growing pressure for recognised trade unions to have the right to nominate sole representatives for-certain functions irrespective of whether unions had been recognized to represent all grades of employees. Such "single-channel" representation was unacceptable.

Industrial action was the final

Industrial action was the final weapon in a union's negociating armony. Could businessmen resily continue to allow that unfettered weapon to be used so indiscriminately?

objectors.
Mr Norman Lamond, director of Blacks of Greenock Ltd, was londly applicated when he called for a ban on pickets of more than 20 people, a ban on sympathy strikes and blackings, social security payments only for official strikers, and a review of payments through PAVE at the end of a strike.

strikers, and a review of payments through PAYE at the end of a strike.

"We are in grave danger of sounding like a bunch of Colonel Bitmps, harking back to the good of days when we could grind the faces of the poor", he said the faces of the poor", he said the faces of the poor", he said the faces of the poor ", he said the faces of the poor ", he said the faces of the poor ", he said the public that the bosses were fair-minded and bouest people.

"In the field of kadastrial relations that commits us inevitably to the condemnation of Mr George Ward, of Grunwick fame. Whatever the law may say, any manager who genuinely believes he has the right to sack anyone who wants to join a union or go on strike, or both, is totally out of touch with the realisties of life over the past we must not sit inty by wringing our hands while more and more power is handed to the bully boys." Most unions were well run but "there are safficient wretkers around to cause chaos". Mr Nigel Vinson, of David Nelper Lot, said there was widespread public concern that the internal procedures of the unions were far from democratic, particularly in respect of the election of officials. One obvious actswer was the istroduction of more widespread voining by severe ballot. If those trade unions that had not already put their house in order did not do so, Parliament had a duty to do it for them.

Mr Ronald Rowles, group director of Ever Ready Holdings, said that nowadays people coulid change almost anything from their religion to their names. "You can even change your wife with 55.50 and a piece of paper if you can even change your wife with the communications gap with the communications ga

"What else is the freedom to strike but a licence to step aside from the rest of society and then hold it to ransom? Have the striking firemen ever stopped to consider what would happen if all of us with grievances simultaneously decided to stand aside from society and hold it to ransom. What kind of freedom 15 that?"

Dr Terence Flitcroft, of Unicorn Industries, added his voice to those urging the bringing of trade unions within the law. He said that even police control of the Grunwick mob had been described by leading members of the Government in terms of police brutality.

Worker-participation welcomed on employers' terms

along that path, he said, but "too many companies are moving too stowly, if at all".

He was moving a resolution opposing the Government's plans, owlined in the Bullock report, to impose worker-directors on company boards but supporting the CBI's policy to a more gradual build-up of participation agreements.

The conference approved both the resolution and the CBI policy document proposals on involvement and participation in industry, which contend that the Bullock report was not about participation but about trade union control.

"The CBI position is clear. It has never believed that any director ought to be imposed on a company by, the trade unions or anyone else", the document states. In the same way the CBI was opposed to the Covernment's plans for giving statutory rights to recognized trade unions to appoint half the members of controlling bodies of occupational pension schemes.

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"We fully accept the wish of most employees to have a higger say in the development of the company in which they work, and the best way of doing this seems to be no develop participation from the bottom upwards. My own view is that virtually everyone wants to be consulted and to know that his views are properly considered, but then he expects a manager to take a firm decision quickly in the light of all the circumstances and consultation, and to be responsible for its outcome."

Directors should be concerned with the long-term prospectly of the company as a whole; there was an inherent danger in any of them representing sectional " But could there be advantages

"But could there be advantages in voluntary arrangements perhaps for employee-nominated directors, to suit the circumstances of an individual company?" he asked. Should a participation agreement be a formal
negotiating document or should
it be more a reflection of a company's employment policy?

He supported the CBI view, in
principle, on the advantage of
formal agreements, but there was
room for figsibility, particularly
in large companies, between
central and local agreement,
Mr Paul Nicholson, chairman of
the CBI's northern regional Mr Paul Nicholson, chairman of the CBI's northern regional council, said he was not totally against worker-director repre-sentatives but he opposed the

A call for companies to baston moves for worker-involvement in making decisions was made by Lord Caldecot, charman of Delm Metals. Many firms were minving along that path, he said, but 'no many companies are moving to senior management; and the was moving a resolution approached in the Ballock report, to impose worker-directors on company boards but supporting the CBI's policy to a more gradual build-up of participation agreements.

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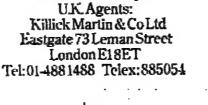
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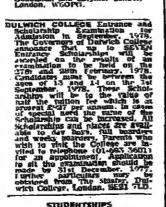
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Herr Brandt warns left-wing rebels at party congress against endangering Bonn coalition

From Patricia Clough Hamburg, Nov 15

Herr Willy Brandt, president of the Social Democratic Party, today warned obstreperous leftwing members against en ing its majority. This is why, dangering the Government's it seemed. Herr Brandt prenarrow majority by voting, or threatening m vote, against rather than to threaten same-important legislation.

A denuty he said was

"I am sure that none of our deputies could, with a clear conscience, pull the carper from under the feet of a Social Demo-

Herr Brandt was speaking in Hamburg on the opening day of the Social Democrats' congress, which finds the party, now in power for 11 years, pre-paring for suportant Land elections in 1978.

It has a strong and popular Chancellor in Herr Schmidt, whose personal prestige was greatly enhanced by his handling of the Schleyer kidnapping and Lufthansa hijacking, while the personal problem of the party's restless left wing has heen muted partly by recent events and partly by firmness from the pury management. However, where remains a

small and numerically fluctuating group of left-wing deputies who could again create trouble for the coalition of Social Democrats and Free Democrats by refusing to conperste on controversial legislation.

controversal legislation.

This group recently caused serious embarrassment to the party by voting, ostensibly on moral grounds, against the law to cut off jailed terrorists from contact with their lawyers and the rest of the world during the course of crimes by confederates outside.

The law was passed poly be-

The law was passed only be-cause the opposition Christian Democrats roted for it, too. The danger of future trouble from this quarter remains. One leading member of the group explained that their actions were partly designed to win greater attention for the wishes of the left wing, which felt

The brave leap of the Venice Biennale into the troubled waters of anti-Soviet dissent took place here tonight after a national strike added its final hours of delay to what has proved from the beginning to be an archoos initiative.

Signor Carlo Ripa di Meana, the president of the Biennale, provided a last dramatic touch

by announcing at the opening ceremony that he would leave for Yugoslavia to hand over to the Italian delegation at the Belgrade conference a list of East European personalities presented from attending

The left-wingers are in a strong position in that the party ing its majority. This is why,

A deputy, he said, was responsible under the constitu-tion only to his conscience, but he was also responsible to his parliamentary group, his party, and shore all, to his voters and the voters had wanted a Social Democrat-Free Democrat

The Government needed to he assured of a majority, par-ticularly since it was sometimes forced to come to terms with the upper house of Parliament, the Eundesrat, where the Democrars were

Herr Brandt dismissed suggestions that the all-party solidarity towards terrorists,

neglected by the moderate which was built up during the minded coalition.

The defendance are in a to some form of grand coali-

tion with the Christian Demo-crats. "A grand coalition is not under debate", he said. The Opposition was neither the Government's collaborator nor its supporters; it had to fulfil its role as the Opposition.

Referring to the forthcoming debate on internal security measures, Herr Brandt spoke of

the danger of suffocating demo-cratic freedom in the attempt to stamp out terrorism. Whoever wants to destroy

tial.

"The democratic quality of our society can stand compari-

At the congress: Herr Brandt, Herr Wehner, parliamentary leader, and Herr Schmidt.

that there was no contradiction between the Italian strike and the demands of the dissidents for basic human rights, includ-ing the right to strike. Because of the refusal by the

The Biennale is presenting four exhibitions which will

National strike adds final delay to brave leap

The date happened to coincide with the decision taken by the unions at national level to call a country-wide four-hour strike to press for a vigous, economic policy particularly on economic policy particularly on employment and investment in the South. (Signor Ripa di Meana invited the trade union leaders to meat the dissidents. The Biannale is ressenting

of Venice Biennale into anti-Soviet dissent

bours, but we cannot act as if we were free from the hurden of the past", he said. History cannot be shaken off. The only

Government's nuclear energy

If they ignored the changing attitude of women, within one or two decades they would no longer have much weight.

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chance of overcoming the burden of past history is to write better contemporary his-One of the main issues before the congress is the

as chairs, trees, motorcycles, naked women, and American programme which finds Herr Schmidt and the rank and file museums. deeply divided. Herr Brandt suggested that a compromise solution would be to base future energy needs as far as possible on coal, but not to rule In 1969, he wraped about two miles of the Australian coast-line near Sydney. In 1971 he suspended 144,000 square feet democracy must first entice it into armoured immobility", he said. "You do not protect democracy by crippling it; you do not fight fear by giving in to it. You show weakness it you play the strong man."

Herr Braudt said Germans could not forget their past. Extremism presented an acute danger and vigilance was essential. of orange fabric curtain across a 1,368-foot wide valley in

Colorado. Last year he ran a 25-mile long, 18-foot high plastic fence from the sea to a suburb of California, at a cost of \$3m (£1.6m), all raised by selling his own work. But his larest project, to wrap the Reichstag building in Berlin, is running into political difficulties. "This is the excitement of the porject. It is very fertile ground, he explained at the Annely Juda Gullery in

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Christo, the Bulgarian-born.

New York-based artist, has

celebrity by wrapping-in canvas, polythene and other materials-such varied subjects

become something of

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London, where a scale model, drawings and photographs of it are on show from today. Christo Javacheff, as he was born 42 years ago, has strong feelings about the division of Europe into capitalist and con-

Furope into capitalist and con-munist camps, and is anxious to dn a project in the only city in the world where the two systems confront each other.

The Reichstag building, initi-ated by Bismarck in 1871 as a symbol of a united Germany, opened in 1894, Partially burnt in 1832, largely destroyed in in 1933, largely destroyed in the Second World War, rebuilt and reinaugurated in 1970.
stands right on the border
marked by the Berlin wall. It
is fully visible from East Berlin. Sixtyfive feet of its easter façade lie in the Soviet military zone, the rest of its pompous bulk being in the British zone. Now used largely as a

museum, it is administered by the President of the Bundestag in Bonn, under the Jurisdiction of the ofur occupying powers in Berlin. The permission of all five parties is needed for the project to go ahead. The Soviet military authorities are not expected to object in normal circumstances.

But it became clear that there would be opposition from the Christian Democrats in Bonn, who explained that the Reich-The historical debate was opened by Professor Leszek Kolakowski, the Polish philosopher at Oxford University. He stag was a sacred, national symbol. Those Germans under said that communism could not accept dissent except as a communist rule would not understand modern art and symptom of its own degenera-tion. The programme of totalizarian despotism had been

night feet insufer by the project, they said.

Nevertheless Christo hopes the political hurdles will be cleared by the end of 1978. He reckons the project will cost around \$300,000. About 150,000 square feet of white fabric, to be made in Münster, will be required. With the aid of four cranes and some 80 people, it will be unrolled in 20-25 rolls By the spring or summer of 979, it should all become reality, he thinks, with the wraps staying on for perhaps

on behalf of the exiles Mr remain open for a month. They Jiri Pelikan, the Czechoslovak dissidant told them a strike against the Biennale's theme on dissent would have been serious indeed. One of the leaders of the Catholic trade unions, Signor P. Carniti, assured him prevented from attending. The strike which delayed the opening of the exhibitions until the Catholic trade unions, the evening, had no direct con-Britain under pressure to decide on direct elections

EEC in deal to build solar

prices competitive with existing and half by the participating

energy plant in Italy

From David Wood

Venice, Nov 15

Strasbourg, Nov 15 The British Government will

be expected at the December meeting of the REC Council of Ministers to give a clear indication whether there is any likelihood that Westminster will ratify the convention to allow direct elections to the European Parliament to take place by May-June, 1978.

Mr Henri Simonet, the Bel-gian Foreign Minister and pre-sident of the council, left no doubt about the pressure Dr Owen wil be under when he spoke in today's debate at the Parliament in Strasbourg. He said that the British decision had been placed on the around had been placed on the agenda for December, and he empha-sized that the rest of the Nine had all ratified the convention.

During the debate leading members of the non-British political groups appealed for an early Westminster decision,

From Our Own Correspondent

A contract for the constructon of a solar power plant with

an electricity generating capa-

city of one megawatt was

signed here today by the Euro-

pean Commission and a con-

sortium of European companies. It is the largest plant

of its kind in the world to have

reached this stage of develop-

The plant, to be built in

southern Italy at a site still to

be chosen, will be linked to the

Italian grid, but it is intended

as a demonstration project and will not produce energy at

It is estimated that one

megawatt would be sufficient

to meet the energy require-

Stungart, Nov 15 .-- Verent

Becker, one of the 11 terrorists whose release was demanded

by the kidnsppers of Dr Henna-Martin Schleyer lest month, has

begun a hunger strike at

imbeim prison here.

Terrorist starts fast

types of generators.

Brussels, Nov 15

ment.

although Mr Simonet showed that he was not optimistic about direct elections early next

nexion with the controversial theme of the Biennale, which is dedicated this year to "cultural and political dissent in the communist world."

The date happened to coincide with the decision when he

leaders to meet the dissidents in the Biennale's offices.

Mr Simonet doubted whether Mr Simonet doubted whether Westminster would abandon the first past the post system for elections, and if the system was retained "it would be very difficult" for the 1978 timetable to be kept. All appeals possible had been made to the British Government and "we do not exactly know what the British situation is today". Nobody had succeeded in persuading the British to move more quickly.

British to move more quickly. Behind the scenes members of the European Parliament regretfully conclude that spring, 1979, is likely to turn out to be carliest date for simultaneous direct elections within the Nine. The European Parliament to-right showed its profound dis-appointment that Britain, with its model democratic assembly,

should be responsible for the Parliamentary report, page 16

ments of a village of between 500 and 1,000 people. The purpose of the plant is to ex-plore the technological prob-lems involved in helio-electric

power plants of this kind rather

than to meet any existing energy needs.
The plant is of the "power

tower" type—a phalant of 250 mirrors, covering an area of some 75,000 sq ft, will focus the reflected rays of the sun on to a "boiler" at the top of a 165tt tower. Water passing

through the boiler will be trans-

formed into steam, which will

be used to drive an electricity-

generating turbine.

The plant is expected to be

operational by 1980 or 1981 at a cost of £3m, of which half will be met by the EEC budget

A British firm, General Technology Systems, will act as management consultants to the Commission.

Hospital staffs strike

Madrid, Nov 15.—Wildcat atrikes today by 20,000 hospital employees, including resident doctors, badly affected many medical centres in Madrid and

Nuclear shelters for 75 pc of Swiss population From Our Correspondent Berne, Nov. 15.

Switzerland has nuclear-homb shelters for more than 75 per cent of its population, General Hans Senu, the new Chief of the Army General Staff, said

vesterday. In conjunction with the mili-tary forces, he said, this was a crucial factor in maintaining the country's freedom of action in case of an emergency. Another factor was the country's stockpile of food and raw mar-

eriols. He told reporters that all access routes, of which there are some 400 in Switzerland, could be cut at a moment's notice to block the advance of invaders.
"In a case of aggression, our

and it would be violated and it would be permissible to ally ourselves with the adversary of our aggressor", he added. Guerrilla operations would then be initiated in occu-

French pilots strike over government pay freeze From Our Own Correspondent

worked out in its main lines by the founding fathers of com-

munism, above all by Lenin and Trorsky before the October Revolution or in its early

Professor Morberto Bobbio, of Turin University, said that the European left-wing movement had freed itself first from Smilinism and then from Lenin-

istn, and now appeared to be

pondering whether it should not liebarte itself finally from

Paris. Nov 15 The pilots and mechanics of

Air Inter, the French domestic airline, went on strike from midnight last night until Friday to protest against the company's decision to apply the Government freeze of higher salaries at the same level as in 1976. Almost all flights, except a few operated jointly by Air France and Touraine-Air Transport, a private airline, to Lyons, Marseilles, Bordeaux and Toulon, have been cancelled.

Their union says the pilots refuse to have "their work devalued and their contracts broken".

The management of Air Inter said it was bound to obey the law, like all other French firms. It denied the unions' concen-tion that it was applying it uni-laterally. It was doing the same as Air France and UTA, the airline operating services to Africa and French overseas

Out of a total staff of 4,600 it said, only 235 pilots and mechanics were affected by the

The strike is the second of its kind in recent weeks. At the end of October, the pilots and mechanics of UTA struck for the same reasons. M Barre, the Prime Minister, said there could be no question of increas-ing the salaries of the better-

paid pilots.
Postal services in France will be disrupted from tomorrow after a strike call by the Com-munist-led CGT and Force

Ouvrière.
The unions are demanding the recruitment of 50,000 more post office workers, to cope with the vast increase in postal traffic, and wage increases for the lower-paid categories.

Underlying the claims is what

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Force Ouvriere describes as the poor management and deterioration in post services. The post office is undergoing a technost office is undergoing a technost nical revolution, with its in-evitable growing pains.

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Gun battles flare again in Ethiopian capital

Nairobi, Nov 15.—Gunfire crackled at noon today in Ethiopia's capital of Addis Ababa and diplomats there suspected that a bloody power struggle was going on.

The envoys said the most likely explanation for the latest political violence in Ethiopia was that it indicates a struggle for power in and outside the Dergue, the ruling 80-man military council led by Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Halle-Mariam, a Marxist.

The vice-chairman, Lieutenant-Colonel According to the control of the colonel According to the control of the colonel According to the colonel according t

ant-Colonel Atnafu Abate, was executed last Saturday as a counter-revolutionary.

On Sunday, "counter revolu-tionaries" shot dead an officer close to the Dergue, Lieutenant Solomon Legesse, Addis Ababa radio said. The Marxist

rules then called for "red revolutionary terror" to strike back at their foes.

Addis Ababa radio today announced that four counter-revolutionaries were killed and 15 captured in a city precinct by a local milling force.

Gun battles after duely are

Gun battles after dusk are now a daily event in Addis Ababa and assassinations in broad daylight are increasing, according to diplomats in the city. The targets range from Violence at the ton in Fibi-

onia tends to unleash feuding and score-settling at a lower level, which the military government often describes as cleansing the revolutionary camp ".—Reuter.



The Shah, wiping teargas from his eyes during Mr Carter's speech of welcome. With him is Empress Faral.

Shah caught in tear gas at White House

From David Cross
Washington, Nov 15
Tear gas drifted across the
White House lawn to the discomfiture of President Carter
today as he officially welcomed
the Shah of Iran to Washing-

Several hundred angry young opponents of the Shah, wielding sticks and shouting slogans, broke through a thin line of policemen separating them from a much larger group of the Shah's supporters, who were standing on platforms to watch the ceremony.

mainly students—set upon the largely peaceful and affluent group of protesters hurled posters docking group of supporters, police fired teargas grenades to keep the two sides apart.

They did not succeed. As the autoporters fied screaming from the demonstrators, several policemen and members of the pro-Shah group were badly cut and bruised in scuffles—the most violent Washington had witnessed since the anti-Vietnam demonstrations.

Some children fainted and others were separated from their parents as they ran away.

On the other side of the White House a much larger group of protesters hurled posters hurled posters and stones at police who were day at the last minute and the Shah arrived instead by car. Until then the anti-Shah group, who had begun to assemble in the early hours of the morning, had limited their protests to chants and the way for placards.

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Cubans leave Somalia: Russians go today

Cubs of planning a joint attack on Somalia from Ethiopia.

Soviet military and civilian advisers, believed to nubmer advisers, believed to nubmer about 1,500, are expected to begin leaving tomorrow. Air-port sources said that they would be flown out on special

women and two small children, appeared to have little beggage with them. The Cuban Embassy was closed and barred, with armed guards at

its gates.

Somalia will boycort all meetings of the Organization of African Unity held in Addis Ababa, where it has its headquarters, the Somali News Abderrahman Barre, the Foreign Minister has informed Mr William Eteki Mhoumoua,

the OAP secretary-general, of Moscow.—The Soviet Union said today that Somalia had renounced the friendship treaty between the two countries because Moscow refused to support it in countries to the support it in countries to the support it in countries to the support it in countries the support it is contained to the support it in countries the support it in countri

to support it in stirring un a fratricidal war with Emiopia.
Tass said that the decision showed that "chauvinist expansionist moods prevailed

Somali Government."

It added: "The Somali Government took its action unilaterally and in conditions of factual war it had unleashed against neighbouring Ethiopia.

Korchnoi delays Spassky match

chess championship semifinal match between Viktor Korchnol and Boris Spassky will start next Monday instead of tomor-row as had been planned. Korchaoi, who injured his hand in a car accident recently, asked for a postponement today and Spassky agreed.—Agence France-Presse.

Mogadishu, Nov 15.—Ali Cubans living in Somalia left the country today less than 48 hours after the Somali Government broke diplomatic relations with Cuba.

Somalia decided on Suhday to break relations with Cuba and to end its 1974 treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union. It accused the Soviet Union and saw it as a victory for Africa and the developing countries.

News of the Somali action was splashed across the foreign page of the Peking Reople's Daily, and was accompanied by a commentary by the New China accompanies the registry the New China news agency praising the Somalis for their "dauntiess will" in safeguarding the country's sovereignty and independence and their opposition to interference by the super-

There was no mention in the commentary, however, of There was no mention in the commentary, however, of Somalis's decision to break diplomatic relations with Cuba. It said that "by taking this daring action, Somalia has stripped off the mask of friendship and assistance of the Soviet Union and inflicted a heavy blass as Soviet heavynyten."

Union and inflicted a neavy blow at Soviet hegemonism". Khartum: President Nimeiry of Sudan said last night that the Soviet Union should pull out of Africa "or face forcible expul-sion as recently happened in Somalia and before that in other states" states '

In his monthly broadcast he told the Soviet Communist Party that the success of the Russian revolution "depended on Soviet soil; it was not forced on Soviet soil from abroad. on sorier soil from abroad. Backward peoples could not be helped by exporting arms to them but by providing factories, tools, farm equipment and technology. Exports of arms were an assassination of the principles. ciples of peace, justice and non-alignment". — Reuter and Agence France Presse.

Chinese aid for

at the site where a new har-bour and industrial estate are planned, Mr Mintoff, the Prime Minister, has told Parliament.

Małta harbour Valletta, Nov 15.—China is to help Maka build a breakwater Belgrade, Nov 15 .- The world

After returning last week from his third official visit to China in five years, he said the Chinese would also build two factories on the island.—Reutre.

Philip of Macedon's grave 'discovered near Salonika'

Salonika, Nov 15.—Archaeologists have discovered a royal grave in the village of Vergina 40 miles west of Salonika which they believe belonged to hilip of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great, sources at the University of Salonica said Vesterday.

yesterday. Within a mound 40 feet high and 300 feet in diameter, it was filled with "archaeological items and artifacts of immense

value, the sources said. A group of archaeologists from the university discovered the grave earlier this month in the village, while working under the direction of Professor Manolis Andronikos.

"The only thing I can say is that the finds of Vergina are of utmost archaeological value. of utmost archaeological value. burial place for the ruling The university will make an kings, was at Vergina. Until announcement on the discovery gow that had not been established the part few days. This within the next few days. This is not a personal matter, but a national one", Dr Andronikos

Persons who saw the grave said it was covered by 20,000 tons of soil, was full of gold, ivory and wooden items, sur-rounding a golden container with the bones of the dead. "The bones were clean, washed with wine and perfume and laid with care inside the container", the witnesses said. Among the other finds were a

"There are things here to fill a whole museum", one of them

declared. Next to the Beehive-shaped tomb archaeologists said they found a small ancient temple, built at the same time the grave was dug around 350 BC. Thieves had plundered the temple and all it contained was

tomb's entrance was closed off by a marble slab and over it was a 24-by-15 foot mural depicting a hunting

Archaeologists said the finds at Vergina are important from the historical point of view because they indicate that Aeges, the first capital of the kingdom of Macedonia and

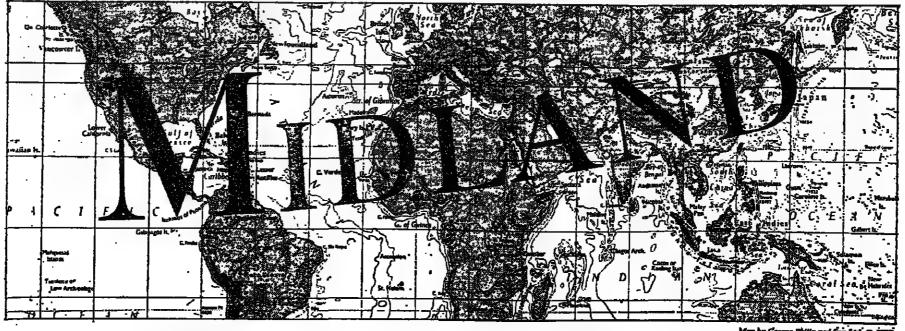
Philip of Macedon, was the strongest potentate of his time. He not only defeated all Greek states and united them under his rule, but he prepared a powerful army for a campaign against Persia in order to free the Greek states of Asia Minor from Persian rule.

Philip was assassinated under mysterious circumstances in 336 BC and was succeeded by Alexander, then 20, who carried out his father's plan against the breastplate made of silver, a Persian empire.—UPI.

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OVERSEAS.

Contradictory police evidence exposed in Biko inquest hearing

Kentridge.

The second day of the inquest into the death of Steve Biko, the South African Black Consciousness leader, concluded today with a number of contradictions in police evidence being exposed by counsel for the Biko family, Mr Sydney

During the day the police were also accused of trying to "smear" Mr Biko after his death by suggesting that he was planning revolutionary acts.

Most of today's proceedings were taken up with a cross-examination of Major Harold Snyman, a Port Elizabeth security policeman, who yester-day had told the court how Mr Biko had been involved in a struggle with five of his inter-

spentis.

Altogether Major Snyman spent six hours in the wimess box, much of the time being subjected to close and persistent questioning by Mr Kentridge. However, at no stage did he become flustered, even when it was demonstrated that some of the statements he had made under outh were incorrect.

Shortly after the incurest re-

Shortly after the inquest resumed this morning Major Snyman, who headed the ream interrogating Mr Biko before his death, said Mr Biko had bumped his head egainst a wall during a struggle in Port Elizabeth security police headquarters on September 7.

Asked which part of his head he had hit against the wall, Major Snymen replied: "The back part." Mr Biko had also suffered a cut lip in the struggle but had no other noticeable injuries.

According to the post-mortem report Mr Biko died as a result of a head injury, indicated by an abrasion on the left forehead. Major Soyman said there were no signs of any such injuries after the saruggie.

Mr Kentridge pointed out that there were 28 affidavits made by policemen and doctors in connexion with this incident, but in not one of them was mention made of Mr Biko falling with his head against the wall.

Major Snyman was then asked by Mr M. J. Prins, the magiatrate presiding over the inquest, whether he had actually seen Mr Biko bump his head against the wall. He replied that he did not see it himself as he was involved in the struggle. "The possibility therefore exists that he did not bump his head against the wall?" Mr Prins asked. "That is so", replied Major Snyman. Major Snyman.

After this admission Mr Kent-ridge said: "I don't think there is any value in your state-ments.

He suggested instead that the injury which led to Mr Biko's death possibly took place on the night before the struggle, when Major Snyman was not on duty. At that time Mr Biko was being held alone in hand-cuifs and leg-irons at the

security police headquarters, guarded by three policemen led by Lieutenant Wilken, whose name is not among those who have been called to give evid-

Later Major Snyman said he believed Mr Biko had suddenly gone " beserk " and attacked his interrogators because he was suddenly confronted with information which would destroy his public image as a man of peace and show him up as a revolu-

Under cross-examination by Mr P. R. von Rooyen, counsel representing the police involved in the case, Major Snyman claimed that Mr Biko was involved in efforts to set up a new revolutionary movement in South Africa. It was to be called the United Revolution-ary Front and would comprise the African National Congress the African National Congress (ANC), the Pan-Africanist Conress (PAC), the Black People's Convention (BPC) and the Unity Movement.

Mr Biko had gone to Cape Town shortly before his arrest to discuss forming this organ-ization. There would be an internal wing for recruiting people to send overseas for training and another wing

Major Snyman also said he had proof that Mr Biko was involved in drafting and distriburing a revolutionary pamphlet in Port Elizabeth on August 17. The pamphlet, which he read to the court, urged black students, workers and parents to show solidarity and to take a stand. No mercy should be shown to collaborators, who should be killed. When there were bodies lying in the streets, then there would be freedom.

Major Snyman said the police had controlled Mr Biko with evidence of his authorship of the pamphlet, together with sworn statemets by a number of his friends about his revolution. ary activities. It was at this point that Mr Biko saunched

Mr Kentridge interposed to say that the statements which the police claimed to have shown Mr Biko could not have existed at the time, as they were all dated after his death. The magistrate ruled that they The magistrate ruled that they wer not admissable as evidence, sithough he accepted the

Mr Kentridge said the claims that the statements had been laid before Mr Bilco were a "smear" prepared after his death. He accused Major Sayman of "trying to convict a dead man, a man who could not be convicted when he was alive. You have smeared him after death in order to protect yourself."

Elizabeth security policement, who was among the five who overpowered Mr Biko, said be was unaware that any docu-ments had been shown to Mr. Biko during interrogation. Asked if he had seen Mr Biko being confronted with documents, he replied:

Cape Town police fire on crowd and wound six

Cape Town, Nov 15.—The police modey fired into a crowd of about 1,000 angry blacks near here, wounding six includ-

The violence erupted at about noon when youths from Cape Town's segregated Lanca township took to the streets, stoning vehicles and setting others alight.

By mid-afternoon strong police patrols had sealed off Langa, one of three black com-ships, with a total population of 100,000, nine miles north-east of the city.

Major-General T. M. Bisschoff, the divisional police com-missioner, described the situa-tion as "temse". He said the wounded, taken to hospital under police guard, were not in a serious condition. A police-

man was also reported to be injured.

There was no immediate indication of the cause of the violence, which followed sporadic stoning of cars yesterday on the main dirport road which runs between the black townships. The windscreens of at least three cars driven by whites were smashed.

The unrest coincided with the opening, 850 miles north in Pretoria, of the inquest into the prison death of Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader.

Witnesses said the trouble began after Bantu Administration Board officials combed the townships saying they were

townships saying they were searching for lay-abouts.

Blacks gathered after several people were detained. When police reinforcements arrived they were greeted by hails of stones from a crowd of 1,000.

More US pressure will ignite bitter political conflict

Tension among American Jews over Carter policy on Israel

New York, Nov 15

A recent public opinion poll on the Middle East published by the New York Times and CBS shows that the American people are losing their confi-dence in President Carter. While 55 per cent still believe he is doing a good job, the figure was 66 per cent in Jan-

As for his Middle East policy, which has been seen as exerting American influence on its Israeli client, 24 per cent cited the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) as being responsible for the communing conflict, 23 per cent Russia, 16 per cent the Arabs and only 8 per cent Israel.

In the November issue of the In the November issue of the influential magazine Commentary, two distinguished academic figures, Professor Seymour Lipset and Professor William Schneider, analyse the Middle East polls from 1948 to the summer of 1977.

Their first finding is that at no time has any poll revealed more support for the Arabs than for Israel. More relevant, from the point of view of pre-

from the point of view of pre-sent United States Government attitudes, is the conclusion from the Yankekvich polls between 1975 and 1977 that American opinion generally has grown increasingly sympathetic to Israel's refusal to negotiate with the PLO.

On the question of the occu-pied territory, the two scholars find there is "very little" pub-lic feeling that Israel is hold-ing them unfairly and should just give them back. Nor does any survey data suggest that the American public takes the view that it is the Israeli intran-sigence which is the main ob-

If President Carrer's advisers had any hopes on that score, they will be disappointed to learn that none of the polls reflects any serious division in Jewish opinion. The latest poll shows that 94 to 96 per cent of American Jews are committed to Israel. The sunfors of the exticle quote with approved the comment of Professor Nathan Glazer that "Israel has to the discussing the comment of Professor The Jews and Jimmy Carter".

strong inght by a rabber launch with three frogmen in it. The fishing boat was sprayed with machine gun bullers and morest bombs were thrown as

it. The frogmen boarded the boat and took three of the crew.

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Suspicion fell on the Poliserio, which is waging guerrilla warfare in the former Spanish colony, but there was no confirmation from the organization. The strack came on the second amniversary of the Madrid agreement when Spain agreed to cede its colony to Morocco and Mauritania. The Polisario

Kaunda plea for

Lauska, Nov 15.—Presidera Kaunda of Zambia roday urged the serring up of a uramium enrichment plant by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) which would be shared by the more importantical

to the more industrialized of the more industrialized of the cannot be beyond the capacity of Africa under the OAU to establish a uranium-processing centre, I mean an enrichment plant of our own", Dr. Kaunda said at the opening here of a five-day International Atomic Energy Agency confer-

Atomic Energy Agency confer-

Africa to build

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Frogmen seize three from

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The most remarkable of the

statistics in the Commentary article is the statement attributed to Mr Par Cadell, President Carter's own polister, that, outside the South, Jews constitute 7 per cent of those who do vote though they are only 3 per cent of the population. This is because more of them

go to the trouble to vote. Close to 90 per cent of America's Jews vote in national elections compared with 53 per cent- of the electorare as a cent- of the electorare as a whole. "If one adds to this figure (7 per cent) the additional 20 per cent or so of non-Jews whom opinion polls show to be at passionately pro-Israel as the Jews, it is clear that Israel enjoys the backing of one of the largest veto groups in the country", the article says. "Hence actions which amagonize or struct this body of opinion can affect the electoral fortunes of many candidates, including those running for President."

Aiready Mr Mark Siegel, a member of the President's staff, has reported that "there staff, has reported that "there is a tension in the (Jewish) community that is almost electric". Mr Jody Powell, the Presidential press secretary, has said that "this could be the biggest, most sensitive political problem we face in 1980".

Mr Carray Varia the Services

problem we take in thou.

Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, has had numerous meetings with the Jewish leadership in recent weeks.

The President has reaffirmed that America will always stand by Israel. He has praised Israel's willingness to negotiate without preconditions, "an attitude which others must

called on the Jewish leaders not to allow "intemperance or

can Jewish leaders "acting as if President Carter is risking Israel's survival for an illusory Middle East settlement" while the Administration is becoming increasingly annoyed by the formidable resistance the Presi-dent's diplomacy is getting from the American Jewish com-

munity".

What worries this most influential of American newspapers ential of American newspapers is that Jewieh leaders are in danger of losing their credibility both in the United States and Israel if they werely appear to be "a dutiful echo of Israeli policy". It gives a warning against a siege mentality which persuades American Jews that "they cannot afford the luxury of an open debate".

American Jews will not pub-

American Jews will not pub-licly break ranks so long as the pressure appears to be on Israel, but there are indications the pressure appears to be on Israel, but there are indications that the efforts being made by the President and his entourage to reassure the pro-Israel lobby are having some effect. At any rate, it is significant that so far the attack on the Administration's policy has not been personally directed at Mr Carter. He is seen as sincere in his claims of friendship for Israel, but in the great a hurry and inexperienced in international affairs. As one Jewish spokesman put it, "many American Jews honestly feel that they know more about the Middle East about Jimmy Carter".

For the time being, President Carter's efforts have gained him some breathing space. But he must know that any further pressure on Israel beyond the concessions he won in the Carter-Dayan working paper for a resumption of the Geneva peace talks will revive all the fears and suspicions of the Israel lobby.

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He must now be seen to be persuading the Arabs to accept working paper as a basis the Geneva meeting he is so anxious to achieve. Any tough stand now against Israel would bring about a bitter conflict with serious conseouences both for President Carter's policies and his own political future.

France angered by criticism from Algeria

sahara noday after

spanish fishing vessel from the Canary Islands was attacked and three of its crew captured. According to reports this evening, most of the fleat's frigates are in the Canary Islands area. The fishing vessel Saa, with a crew of 15, was attacked on Sunday night by a rubber launch with three frogmen in it. The fishing bost was spanish for incomplete the death of General Franco, the Polisario, which is supported by Algeria, has continued its struggle for independence. It has brought production at the phosphare mine at Bulling, most of the fleat's frigates are in the Canary Islands area.

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The From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Nov 15 Relations between France and Algeria have taken a sharp turn for the worse as a result of the kidnapping by the Polisario Front, the independence move-ment in Western Sabara, of six French technicians.
The Quai d'Orsay reacted

strongly today to recent state, ments by Algerian leaders, especially a speech by President criticised the decision and has called for the agreement to be revoked.

The Canary Islands fishing

In a speech to members of the government and party offi-cials, President Boumedienne criticized the strategy of the French President in Africa which, he said, "was com-pounded of francophonis and

The Canary Islands fishing fleet is an important part of the island's economy and one of its traditional fishing grounds has always been off Western Sahara. In March another fishing boar was attacked in the same area and the Polisario claimed responsibility.

Last night in Las Palmas demonstrators supporting the Polisario marched to the Moroccan consume. pounded of frencophonia and mercantile interests."

He expressed satisfaction over the fact that, in opposition to the policy of "official France", democratic movements took another view of things and were not systematically hostile to Algeria.

Australia may slaughter cattle to halt disease

Sydney, Nov 15.—The Ausing sending troops by heli-copter to shughter teny of thousands of cattle in order to

industry.

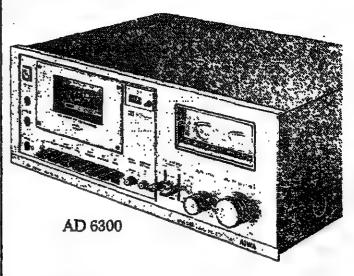
The discovery of a new strain of bluewague disease strain of bluetongue disease ern Territory was amounced last Sunday.

Riverougue is a debilitating disease affecting both cattle

mals out of the Northern Terrivory has been banned. Officials and ranchers are particularly concerned about its spread to sheep flocks in other parts of the country. Britain and New Zealand have helred imports of live Australian cattle and sheep.

In northern Queensland thousands of theep and carrie have been killed by fast-moring bushfires in the past 24 hours.—AP and Agence

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treason trial From Our Correspondent Islamabad, Nov 15

Abdul Wali Khan, president of the outlawed National Awami Party and leader of the Opposirary and teaner of the Optional tion in the 1972 National Assembly, has challenged the legality of his continued deten-tion and trial in Hyderabad

jzil. Sind High Court today admitted a habeas corrus petition for regular hearing filed on behalf of Abdul Wali Khan and two others who have been ou trial on charges of anti-state conspiracy and treason since

The National Awami Party officials are among 40 accused persons who were ordered to be tried for treason by Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister. They include former governors of Baluchistan and March West West Paragraph North West Frontier Province. Mr Wali Khan in his peti-tion maintained that the special court as reconstituted after Justice Abdul Jabber left it was unconstitutional and the trial was illegal. He further maintained that the detention of the others facing trial was similarly illegal. The High Court will hear the petition later this month.

month.

It has been widely reported for some time that the government of General Zia might dissolve the special court and out the accused on trial in regular

From Richard Wagg Delhi, Nov 15 India's ruling Janata Party has issued the guidelines of its mounted.
The Janata Party stimits that long-awaited economic policy which emphasizes rural dethe details of new policy have yet to be worked out, but it proposes to start putting it into

It is recommending as an "immediate objective" the allocation of at least 40 per cept of public sector resources for investment in agriculture. In the past this figure was well under 30 per cent.

But what took up most of the three-day debate within the party's National Executive was the fature policy on industry, the chief beneficiary of de-velopmental effort during the

past 30 years.

The most striking proposal, which bears the clear imprint of Mr Charan Singh, the powerful Home Minister, is that until full employment is achieved in India no new capi-tal intensive enterprises will be allowed to be established in the consumer and allied sectors for goods which can be produced by cottage, village or small-scale industry.

The overriding justification for this policy swatch, the party believes, is that it will best

believes, is that it will best allow India to generate jobs for militions now unemployed, or underemployed, in rural areas. Mr Charan Singh has argued repeatedly that the industrial development model India em-barked on under Nehm in 1956 created only islands of econo-mic development, leaving the

permit any expansion of weaving capacity in the organized mills sector, the policy suggests. New capacity should be created only among handlooms and powerlooms with widely diffused ownership.
Large firms' existing capacity should be progressively diverted

practice over the next 10 years

in at least three fields of mass consumption weaving foot-

over the next decade, the Government is told. new economic policy to the press, said the basic approach was that "what can be pronounced cottage industry shall not be produced by the small-scale or legionally secures, and scale or large-scale sectors, and what can be produced by the small-scale shall not be open for large-scale fodustry. "Starotory demarcation is

for large-scale industry."

"Stantory demarcation is envisaged, with the only exception permitted to the general rule being industrial production entirely for export," he added. While India's big industry is being advised to withdraw gradually from the consumer goods sector, the largest policy.

investors and business.

In the consumer goods sector foreign firms are told outright that their production capacity would, if the party gots its way, be frozen at existing levels.

"Only then", as the policy statement puts it, "will indigenous firms be able to make beathers in the consumer. make beadway in the consumer The Government should not field".

It cites the example of Japan in recommending the outright purchase of foreign expertise and advanced machinery in areas of high-priority development.

Agriculture must grow at an annual rate of 4.5 per cent, the Janua leaders declare,

with an annual growth rate set for the gross national product Government is told.

Mr Madhu Limaye, one of of 7 per cent. This is doubte the Junua Party's general the rate India has been averaging for the past 25 years and secretaries, who presented the some economists have already onestion the started to question the feasibility of the Januara politi-Comes figures.
But setting a high GNP growth rate target would mean, if achieved, that industry would

if achieved, that industry would in effect be getting a amaller share, but out of a larger national case.

In Charan Singh has also got his good of India as a society on a modele path between Westernstyle contrained and communist state capitalism and communist state capitalism and communist state capitalism and policy aims. But he has also gut something more tangible for lattic's farming community.

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2,000 jungle fugitives who fight for an independent Papua

a little-known war is being fought hetween units of the Indonesian Army and a guerrilla force calling itself the Free Papua Movement (FPM). The leader of the guerrillas is Mr Yacob Prai, a West Irianese; aged 38, who has spent the last 12 years a fugitive in the jungle. The FPM is waging a guerrilla war against the Indonesians with the aim of freeing West Irian from Jakaria's

Western journalists are consistently refused permission to visit the area, but recently an Australian journalist, David Bradbury. of the current affairs magazine The Bulletin got into the arer posing as an anthropology student. This article is extracted from the November 12 issue of the magazine.

In a rengle clearing five still in danger from the Papua tiles from the West Irian New Guinea authorities who border, about thirty men spood in a rough semi-circle in front of a grass but. Theye wore a modey wardrobe of military uniforms in varyin stages of dis-

Some of them were young, hardly over 16, while others were nearing 40. They looked tired and bedraggled. One carried a Second World War submachine gun; four others carried rifles of the same vintage; the rest were armed bus sworts bus swod arrows and knives. In the centre was a thin man of medium height wearing a T-shirt on which were printed the words: One People One Soul Free West

He was Mr Yacob Prai, provisional president of the Free Papus Movement (FPM), who claims to lead a guerrilla army of more than 2,000 fighters swort to liberate the land they call Papus but the rest of the world refers to as the Indonesian province of Irlan Jaya (West Irian).

Mr Prai had beard that an Australian journalist was in the area and had spent two days crossing the patrolled border from his scorer comp in the mountains south of the West Irian capital of Jaya Pura, formerly Hollandia.

About 5,000 regular Indone Java Pura to counter Mr Praisand his followers. Having cluded the Indonesians he was



would have no compunction about handing him back to Indonesia, thus getting rid of the most important cause of friction between the two govern-

The Papua New Guines Government has every reason to conceal what is going on in these border areas. It lives in constant fear of the Indonesian Government and wents to give no cause for offence. Its leaders, especially the Army officers, fear that the activities of the FPM will incite the Indonesians to take action, first douesiens to take action, first against the FPM's same maries inside the border and later, perhaps, the whole of Papua New Guinea.

This was why General Diro, the Army chief, was rapped by Mr Somare, the Prime Minister, for making contact with Mr Zeth Rumkorem, a former colleagues of Mr Prai's and now the highest of a graph break. the leader of a small break away group.

In an interview, Mr Prai told me the extent of his operations in West Irien and claimed his guerrillas were now so strong that the Indonesians had been forced to abandon day-time pa-trolling. He said he controlled areas up to the outskirts of Jaya Pura, which has a population of about 700,000. He sideged that his men had seen Australian Army forces helping the Indonesians mount operations against the FPM.

Mr. Prai has modelled his movement on the Vietcong and admits that his political alignment is to the left—but not communist. He says he has had some help from outside, mainly from former Durch soldiers who stayed on in West Irism after the Indonesian talceover in 1965. However, in the border town of Vanimo, it was alleged that Cubans had been seen passing through.

My interview with Mr Prai revealed the extent of the FPM activities in West Irian. He told me that his men were souve in central and southern West Irism as well as the border area round the capital. On average they went on two-patrols a mouth cormulty be-



Patrolling guerrillas of the Free Papua Movement cross a river in Papua New Guinea.

Their main activity was ambu-shing Indonesian forces and attacking outposts. He claimed they had killed more than 440 soldiers in the past year.

Mr Prai, himself, hed been in the jungle since 1965, build-ing up his movement. Before the Indonesian takeover, he Pura and had planned a political career after the "Act of Self Determination" ordered by the United Nations when the Durch left the colony.

Mr Prei had assumed that the West Irianese would vote for an independent West Irian, but when the "Act" turned out to be considerably less than a free choice by the West Irianese, Mr Prai found himself being berussed and persecuted by the new Indonesian regime. He said he fled to the bush to avoid being arrested.

Mr Peal and his man Mr Frai and his men appeared in poor condition and were grateful for the meal of rice I had brought up with me. Mr Frai mid me they were desperately short of medical supplies because they had to rely on raiding Indonesian outposts to get medicines.

Their equipment appeared equally deficient. Mr Prai said they got most of their weapons and ammunition by stealing them from the Indonesians and, although some of them were only armed with bows and arrows, they also had a few machine gues and rocket-launchers. He also claimed that they had a number of American they had a number of American M16 rifles and Russian

Mr Prei said one of their main problems was communi-cations. It took several days

for a courier to return from a

Like the Vietcong, the FPM relies heavily on village support. The villagers warn the guerrillas of approaching indunesian pairols, they provide hiding places, food and recruits. Mr Prai's movement has suffered militarily by the break-away of Mr Rumkorem, a brilliant strategist. Mr Prai saya they fell out because Mr Rumthey fell out because Mr Rum-korem's ambitions led to quar-rels with several members of FPM's Central Comminee, Mr Prai accused Mr Rumkoren of murdering his oppositon and said he could no longer afford to have him in the movement. He claimed Mr Rumkorem had only a small band of not more than 50 fighters with him. Mr Prai said the heavier

than 50 fighters with him.

Mr Prai said the heaviest fighting had been around the province of Wamena in southern West Irian. He said his guerrillas had killed several hundred Indonesian troops, but they themselves had suffered heavy casualties, losing 198. He said that more than 2,000 civilians had died in the fighting in the province. He claims the Indonesians had retaliated by dropping mapaim on villages and shooting hostages to detervillagers from helping the FPM.

Mr Prai was not happy with

Mr Prai was not happy with what he called the "fawning" attitude of the Papua New Guinea Government to the Indonesians, nor its policy of returning political refugees who fied into Papua New Guinea to escape the Indonesians. They were usually returned by the authorities and almost certainly shot. Mr Prai threatened performance attacks if the Government's attitude inwerds the rabel movement did not change.

oy wooley jackers. He san the lindonesians could not be trusted in their foreign rela-tions. Australia would learn the hard way. But Mr Prai was still hopeful that if word of his struggle in West Irian reached

the Australian people they might be able to help. Mr Prai believes that both the Indonesian authorities and the Papua New Guinea Government have been receiving help Australian military forces, help which has been turned against the FPM. Mr
Prai channed that Australian
transports had been landing
arms and equipment in
Vanimo for use in operations
against West Iriam rafugess
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and rebels. He claimed that his men had shot down the Australian belicopter which crashed recently in West Irian. (The Australian Government has maintained that the crash was not caused by gunfice but "technical problems". Australian Foreign Affairs spokesmen have also denied lending any support to the Indonesian Government in its operations against the its operations against the rebels in West Irien.)

Mr Prai says such decials are rubbish. He says he has seen Austrulian aircraft belo-ing the Indonesians detect rabel camps so the Indonesians could bomb and napaim the camps and drop paratroops. He alleged that four villages in West Irlan were hit by RAAF belicopters in combined Australian Indonesian approximation. realiza-Indonesian operations. He also alleged that a uniformed Australien was flying an indonesian belicopter which bombed a villege in the province of Wamers, killing 250 men, women and children.

Australian 'Chatterley' ban Pretoria, Nov 15.-Lady Chatterley's Lover was today declared a banned book in South

KGB stop Sakharov question in Kremlin

Moscow, Nov 15.—Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel peace prize winner, said today that the KGB (security police) had prevented him from handing in a question during a special Kremlin meet-ing of the Soviet Academy of

Dr Sakharov, a member the Academy since 1953, told Western reporters that he had tried to present his question on alleged political prisoners and a recent amnesty to the plat-

form, in accordance with the Academy's normal procedure. "I was surrounded by KGB men who stood in a wall round me and would not let me leave my sear until everyone had left the hall", he said.

He added that in his question

he had complained that the amnesty did not apply to prisoners of conscience and prisoners of conscience and asked for the personal opinion of Dr Anatoly Alexandrov, the president of the Academy, and that of the Committee.

The ammesty, proclaimed to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Russian revolution, was restricted to certain caregories of mimor affenders.

restricted to certain categories of minor offenders.

"I and many of my friends are convinced that an amnesty of all political prisoners in the Soviet Union, the easing of prison regimes . . and the adoption of measures for full human rights in the country, which has experienced monstrous terror and suffering would have immense domestic

would have immense domestic and international significance", he said in his question.

He listed about 20 leading imprisoned dissidents, including three members of the "Helsinki" human rights group in Moscow and added that there were hundreds of others.

Dr Sakharov said that one of the 20 KGB officers who had surrounded him tod him: "You are a grown up, you know you

are a grown up, you know you cannot violate the procedure." cannot violate the procedure."

In Leningrad 30 dissidents today urged the Soviet Government to release Mr Anatoly
Shchararsky, a leading dissident from prison.

"We demand an immediate

stop to interrogations in the Shcharansky case", a letter addressed to the Soviet Praesidium said, "We demand the immediate release of Anatoly Scharansky and pre-mission for him to emigrate to Israel."

The dissidents, who had all been denied emigration visas, also called for an inquiry "into the interrogation methods used in this case and the prosecution of those persons who violate Sovier laws during the interrogations."

Mr Shoharansky is a founding member of the Halsinki human rights group. He was arrested

rights group. He was arrested on March 15 and has been held for investigation at the Lefor-tovo prison in Moscow on capital treason charges. The Leningrad dissidents said that many Sories large who had that many Soviet Jews who had been denied vises to emigrate to Israel were luterrogated in conI haven't been so happy for years."

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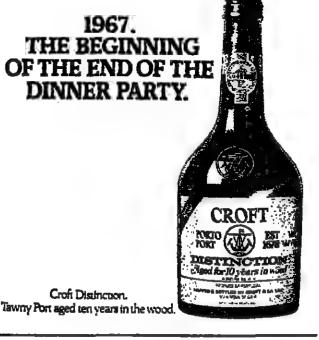
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Bad eggs in Slovakia

Prague, Nov 15.—Bad eggs have been blamed for an outbreak of food poisoning effecting 178 people in Slovakia after they had eaten cales from a confectionery shop, it was re-ported today. No one died but the police will charge the shop

Journalists' dispute stops Colombo, Nov 15.—Mr Jaye eight New Zealand papers

From Our Correspondent Wellington, Nov 15

Eight of more than 30 daily newspapers in New Zealand failed to appear today and a number of other were printed in a reduced form because of an industrial dispute between the publishers and journalists.

Both the Welkington news-papers, The Dominion and the Evening Post. did not publish. The journalists were given notice after they refused to handle material received through the New Zealand Press

What adds up to a great time at Christmas?

organization papers which has a monopoly on filing overseas messages to newspapers. It also operates an internal news service.

The dispute began over claims for a special night rate for the Press Association's staff but has broadened to icclude other demands. The editors' organization has accused the journalists' union of wanting to censor the news.

Auckland newspapers which tome under a different industrial agreement are so far not seriously affected.

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Burma to revise constitution of party after split

Rangoon, Nov 15 .- The rul

ing Burma Socialist Programma Party is to revise its constitution because of malpractices at the last party congress, reliable

sources said today.

They quoted San Yu, the party secretary-general, as telling the present congress, now meeting here, that "ugly, disgusting and lozzbsome acts (had) besmirched the party". He said a group of members had formed a faction within the party and wormed their way on to leading committees. They even tricked delegates into thinking they were arting under instructions from the leaders", he said.

Mr San Yu also cited acts of orruption and misappropria-ou of funds, cars and

Under the new constitution the congress will be empowered to dismiss the 239-member cent-ral committee of the party—the country's only party—and elect a new one, the sources said.—

British bid for Thai opium

Bangkok, Nov 15.— The John Kelly (London) Company and the Essen Products of the United States both put in bids today to buy more than 6.7 tons of raw opium seized from drug traffickers in Thailand.

The That Excise Department will announce on Monday which company has won. The That Government usually auctions seized opium every year. Only foreign companies with permission to import the drug into their home countries can bid.—Reuger.

Elephant kills zoo keeper

Limessol, Nov 15.—A 200 keeper in Limassol Cyprus, was trampled to death yesterday by a four-ton elephant.

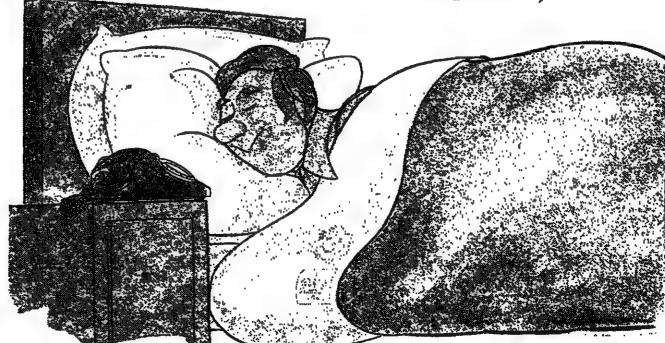
Officials said that Mr Takis Kyriacou, who was 53 and father five, was leaning over a bucker inside a compound when the elephant, a 25-year-old cow, knocked him over and trampled him. He was dead by the time his colleagues drove phant back.—AP.

Hess release plea

Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, has been asked by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Right Rev John Bickersteth, to press for the release on parole over Christmas of Herv Rudolf Hess, Higher's former deputy, who was sentenced to life imprisonment and is still in Spandau prison, in Berlin.

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The England party limber up at their North London training ground yesterday.

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Football Correspondent
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when England and Italy mee in a when England and Italy met in a sinal eliminator for a place in the World Cap competition in Argendan next summer. The march at Wembley tonight (7.45) will still attract 90,000 and there is peripheral significance for the tuture of the England team and their management but no cause to suggest that Italy can be stopped from qualifying or that England have any right to do so.

Italy need only draw to qualify. They are ahead of England on goal difference and have a match in hand against Luxembourg in Turin on December 3. England's only chance of dislodging them is to win by a large score—at least four goals—and even then one cannot believe that the Italians

only chance of dislodging them is to win by a large score—at least four goals—and even flien one cannot believe that the Italians would fail to obtain the necessary number of goals against Luxembourg who have scored only two and conceded 19 in five matches. The side Ron Greenwood announced yesterday was only slightly different from the expected, although it was sufficient to send his Italian counterpart. Enzo Bearrot, off to reconsider his own choice. Mr Greenwood retains the defence first produced by Don Revie. That is: Clemenco: Neal, Hughes, Watson and Cherry. That area apart, the team is his own.

In the match against Luxembourg last month Neal was excluded because Mr Greenwood thought he could do without a fourth defender. Today Neal may be usked to mark Betten although as he can play on either side of defence it could be that Causio

is he can play on either side of defence it could be that Causio will become his problem and Cherry will watch Bettegn. For the moment Mr Greenwood pre-fers not to reveal that particular fers not to reveal that particular responsibility but he countered the claims of Bonds by saying that he brought the West Ham cappell into the party purely as "defensive cover" when others dropad out of his criginal plans. There will be three new caps: Coppell and Barnes, who will spread England's pame to the wings, and Latchford, the Everton centre forward, who must he ready to accept rich service. The only surprise among the forwards is the relection of Reegan who replaced Trevor Francis. Mr Greenwood admitted that not everyone would

Prigue, NOV 15.—Only honour will be at stake here tomorrow when Czechoslovalda and Wales meet in the final qualifying group seven match of the World Cupbecause the air tickets to Argentina are already firmly in Scottish

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However, the success of the game (4.0 GMT) should see an impressing, open march free of the inhibitions which the players in mere significant games. Wales,

former England striker, must wait to know his fate after an FA

Disciplinary Commission in

London adjourned yesterday following a personal hearing which lasted more than an hour.

bringing the game into disrepute and is accused of making a gesture to a linesman at Norwich

on September 24. No date has been arranged for the resumed

After the proceedings, neither Macdonald nor his manager Terry Neill would comment because the

pending new evidence

Refusing to talk in terms of "formations" or specific tasks for any of the players, Mr Greenwood said: "Keegan will play wherever his ability will be most advantageous." This theme he continues throughout the team but there is little doubt that Wilkins and Keegan will have to take heavy responsibility for putting England in possession. However, Mr Greenwood was not impressed with this argument. He said: "Perhaps we have been thinking too much about ball winners. Have we forgotter, how to go forward?" If Italy permit, England have plenty of players who enjoy going forword, not least Brooking who deservedly regains his place.

his place. Mr Greenwood said : " It augure Mr Greenwood said: "It algurs well for the future that we can pick three new players. People will see it as a gamble but it is a criculated one. Barnes is an exclude prospect with the capability to bridge gaps between club and international football. I'm

manager, Enzo Bearzot, for retrining his Juventus-Torino based team irrespective of club form, the Italians retain the considerable advantage of calling upon a familiar group. Although last night Mr Bearzot said the absence of Francis and Pearson' from the England team had tempted him to alter bis own side, he decided not

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- R. Wilkins (Chelena)
- I. Brooking (West Ham United)
- (Monchester City)
- (Hamburg)
- R. Latchford

Prague, Nov 15.—Only honour Park Rangers, who scored two il be at stake here tomorrow goals at Wrexham.

Substitutes: P. Shilton (Nottingham Forest): W. Bonds (West Ham United): B. Talbot (Ioswich Town): S. Pearson Trevor Francis. Mr Greenwood (1984tch 1984): S. admitted that not everyone would (Manchester United agree with the choice but Francis (Eirmingham). United):

D. Zoff (Juventus)

- M. Tardelli
 - R. Mozzici
 - (Torino) G. Facchetti (Internazionale)
 - C. Gentile (Juventus)
 - (Torino)
 - R. Benetti
 - G. Antognoni F. Causio
 - (Juvenrus) F. Graziani (Torino)
 - R. Fottega (Juventus)

Pulici (Torino).

is trying to create.

Substitutes: L. Castellini (Torino): A. Cuccureddo (Juventus); F. Capello (Milao); C. Sala (Torino); P. Cuccureddo Capello

Wales sending strongest team to Prague

Mr Greenwood seems to have accepted the sensible view that for England to qualify by freak results here and in Turin would be dangerously misleading. English international football cannot afford to shelve its failings

Finland 7, Luxembourg 1; Eng-land 2, Finland 1; Luxembourg 1, Iniv 4; Ihily 2, England 0; Eng-land 5, Luxembourg 0: Luxem-hourg 0, Finland 1; Finland 0,

wembley, tally will quality for the finals in Argentina, but a win for England will leave Italy need-ing to beat Luxembourg in the final tie of the group on December 3.

The permutations, caused by goal difference, are: Italy's target y Luxembourg.

Two goal margin—one goal

goal margin—four goal

victory.
Three goal margin—two
victory.
Four goal margin—four

—ore goal

If England win by:

goal

One victory.

victory.

The team has five newcomers to international competition, Hruska, Fiala, Barmas, Jarusek and Bilsky—who first played against Hungary last Wednasday in an international which ended in a 1—1 draw.

goals at Wresham.

But they have Toshack, of Liverpool, regarded as one of the best headers in the British Islas, and Yorath, of Coventry, who has fully recovered from his injury in last Saturday's leegue match against Arsenal. "We've certainly not come here for the sightsceing". Michael Smith, the Welsh manager, said. "Every international match is equally innortant to us."

Caechoslovakia, desperately seeking ways of overcoming the deep trisis which has beset them since they won the European champlonmere significant games. Wales, who beat Czechoslovakia 3—0 in their first match in Wrentum last April, have come here with the strongest team they can muster, but without James; of Queen's ship last year, will probably take The Czechoslovak players will be

out to prove that they deserve their places in the national side

which Mr Jezek is trying to put together. With their cureers at stake they could give the Welsh a tough time. the field with only four of the players who played against Wales last April. They are Gogh, Masny. Nehoda and Gajdusek. Ondrus Nehoda and Gajdusek. Ondrus will also be missing, even though Vaclar Jezek, the manager, has included him in the new side he CZECHOSLOVAKIA (from): Z. Hruska, J. Caloun, J. Barmos, Z. Prokes, R. Volacok, J. Flais, K. Gogh, J. Salonok, I. Bisky, J. Kozak, M. Jarusek, M. Galdusek, M. Masny, K. Kroupa, P. Mraz, Z. Nehoda. wales (from): D. Davies, J. Philips, R. Thomas, D. Jones, L. Philips, R. Thomas, D. Jones, L. Philips, J. Cores, M. Bage, J. Reberts, D. Hardeld, J. Mangay, T. Verait, B. From, J. Tobers, P. Sayer, M. Thomas, N. Descy,

Group seven

Clough may have to top

Blackpool's Republic of Ireland striker, Michael Walsh is wanted by Northigham Forest for E250,000. Brian Clough, Forest's goals for his club last Saturday. Blackpool's Republic of Ireland striker, Michael Walsh is wanted by Nortingham Forest for £250,000. Brian Clough, Forest's manager, hopes to clinch the deal by offering a played as well but Blackpool's manager, Allan Brown, is keen for a stright cash deal of more than £300,000. If negotiations are firmlized it could be the

Derby yesterday signed the winger, Terry Curran, from Not-tingham Forest for £50,000. It winger, terry curran, from Nortugham Forest for £50,000. It takes the manager, Tommy Docherty's spending to more than £500,000 since taking over the the Baseball Ground. The 22-year-old Curran, who has just finished a month's loan with Bury, makes his first appearance at home to Derby on Saturday.

Liverpool, who announced last week that they had signed the goalkeeper, Steven Ögrizovic, from Chesterfield said yesterday that because of a medical technicality concerning blood tests the registration has not been accepted by the Football League, Orgizovic is to have further medical tests but until the position is finalised he is joining Lverpool on loan,

The draw for the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy is:
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Horwich v Charley: Burton Almon v
Station T: Hednesford T or Leek T v
Tollord U: Beston or Dudley T v MarHorseld T Smithringe Celite v Camborough Trinity: Grantham v Kings
Lynn.

Hirrow Boroligh v Wealdstone: Af
Leamington v Wortester Chy; Harlew
T v Walkiamstow A; Weilingborough;
v Huchin T; Cheltenham v Beth C
lifted or Cambridge C v Enderby
Banbury U v Kledgeminster H; Broms
grove R v Bishop' S; Maidstone U;
Hastings U; Horshem v Stainas T
Corvesend and N v Murgaite: Rosrics;
v Cheimstord: Hillingdon B v Wemble;
or Begnoc Regie; Dover v Suizon. U
Kinstordar v Woking, Westoor BoroMarv v Methyr; Budford v Bridgend
Maiches to be played on December 3

Youth party The FA youth party of 14, from which the side to play Norway at Full on on November 28 will be chosen is:

Solomon's wisdom deserts him as the giant moves in for the kill

Solomon, sceded fifth, was beaten 7-5, 7-6 by the massively amiable Ove Bengtson, who is almost a foot taller and therefore looked something of a bully. But in the first set Solomon led 5-3 and was serving at 5-4 and 30-love. In the secon dset he had four set points, all on Bengtson's service, and led by four points to love in the tie-break. But although Solomon could corner Bengtson, he could not but the giant down.

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Bengtson's game suits his build. It is that of a big man. But at times he has a gentle touch, not least when sitting at a piano and playing dreamy romande ballads. Understandably, in view of his nature and the way things were going, Solomon struck a few discordant notes that may eventually cost him a lot of money in fines. He threw his racket about, whacked a ball into the stands, and was finally driven to foul language. These braches of the code of conduct were passed on to the referee and will be reported to the Men's International Professional Ternils Council.

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7-5 by Christopher Mottram. who might have finished the match more quickly than he did. Mottram was a break up at 3-2 in the second set and in the third he led 3-1. In the last two games of the match he conceded only two points. But, as is often the case, he had been somewhat diffident about exerting his authority. An interesting incident occurred when Mottram was serving at 2-1 in the second set. He hit a smash which Stewart, with more hope

This is not to suggest that things did not work out pretty well, nor to denigrate a courageous scrum-half who slotted in nicely behind

half who slotted in nicely behind littley and Dixon, two loose forwards, familiar to him at Gosforth. The choice of John Horton for an England XV against the United States may have been a straw in the wind, but he has his lows as well as his highs and in the trial it would not be at all surprising to see another confrontation between Cooper and Old, both of whom are playing well. One imagines that Horton will play in the north-east regional XV with David Carfoot, his Lancashire partner. That would be hard lines on Smith, whose good form in last season's national trials got little reward.

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A question to be settled at three-quarter is where to play Charles Kent, whose uncomplicated style of attack may be thought repetitive, but whose strength and speed are important qualities, as well as his durability and work rate in defence. Cemtre or left wing (one assumes that a fit-Peter Squires will be on the right flank?). I have suggested previously that it would be interesting to see Kent alongside Paul Dodge, Leicester, in the middle, but the selectors may be more inclined to try him on the wing. That honest footballer,

Injuries hinder Park's Moseley mission

foruer of the court. There seemed little prospect that Stewart would be able to make a play. Before anyone could find out, a ballboy fielded the ball in the modern

offspring of a badminton racket and a butterfly net.

This strange apparition appeared in Stewart's peripheral rision as he was coising fast on the ballboy, the visual distraction trked Stwart less than the fact that bal was fielded before it was dead. But the point was awarded

dead. But the point was awarded to Motram.

Luz and Smith have been winning important doubles events for longer than iether acres to remember. They have also had some memorable clashes in singles, including a contest at Philadelphia one winter day that ranks amon gibe great matches of the 1970's.

set, but lost the game to love. Smith foxed him with one effectivey! inventive rally and pressed home the advantage by provoking three errors. But at

pressed none the data providing three errors. But at 5—all Smith served two double faults and muffed a smash and a forehand volley. This time Lutz collard him, serving a love gome.

the chance to defend his position in the centre and Nigel French, of the Wasps, to acquire it. Both these players have a sound

Michael Slemen, who

Michael Slemen, who played throughout the last championship on the left wing, is far too good a player to be overlooked. Other candidates for a wing position are John Carleton (Orrell, Lancashire and England Under-23) and Derck Wyatt, the ubiquitous, unorthodox Befordian, who has a happy knack of scoring tries with regularity.

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It will be a sorry blow for England if Hignell does not recover from injury. David Caplan, Headingley and Yorkshire's full back, had two good trials hast season and will be looked at again. By all accounts, David Sorrell (Bristol) had a fine tour with England Under-23 in Canada. Another player who could come through the regional and divisional mill is fan Williamson, of Blackheath and Kant, whose poles and flair must be a comfort to those playing in front of him. He is an accomplished soal kicker and, with his long stride, is probably at the san event in itself, of

vince everyone of his outsinding qualities. Having seen him play this first international in Australia in 1975, I never had any reserva-tions about them myself.

day's defeat by Richmond. Full back Billy Bushell makes over the captaincy.

Blackheath, chasing a double after their victory over Oxford University, make two changes for the visit of Cambridge to the Rectory Fleid or Saturday.

Jackson replaces Crust at centre and Brent Hansen is recovered from injury.

Loodon Irish fisid a new half-back combination for their first ever meeting with Wakefield at Sunbury. Sean Grey gets a game at scrum half and Pat Partrev switches from canne to stand-off in place of Hugh Condon, who is playing for Munster. Les White, also on duty with Munster, is replaced by Alan McGauley and Kevin Short comes in at flank forward for Niall Hogan, who: is appearance of the season for Wasps, who are at Leicester. Their regular scrum half. Conner. Is not available. Landen deputizes for the injured Smith at flank forward. Saracens' prop. Clim. McGregor, who has missed two games, has recovered from injury and returns for the home game, seainst Old Milhillians. He displaces Ausden. Glvn Davies also comes back, at stand-off, in place of Richard Moody, who received an eve injury last weekend.

Leicester have arranged a home game against Sale on November 26 (3.00) to replace their cancelled match with Moseley.

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Tennis Correspondent

The European segment of the grand prix tennis circuit was diverted to Wembley yesterday for the Benson & Hedges nournament. Seven of the 12 leading players in the grand prix points standings were included in the 32-strong singles draw, in which there were representatives from 10 nations and four continents. In terms of quality and quantity slike, the basic clash is between Europe and America. The seedings suggest that this will remain true until the finals of each event, which should be Bjorn Borg v Brian Gottfried and Wojtek Fibak and Tom Okker v Gottfried and Raul Ramirez. The Australians are missing because they have sensibly gone home for their summer and our winter.

The first afternoon's entertain Tennis Correspondent

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The first afternoon's entertainment at Wembley had an echoing joylessness about it. One man who might have done sometizing about this was the American comedian an dtennis enthusiast, Alast King. But he was mutely confined to the terraces. On court, the etheme was work cather than fun. But there was much to savour, notably in matches featuring Americans. Harold Solomon became cross and naughty. Sherwood Stewart frustrated and puzzled, and the well-known doubles team of Robert Lutz and the well-known doubles team of Robert Lutz and the same court, produced some richly textured passages marked by subtle wrist-work as they explored the short angles. Even when playing singles these two

Neill was manager at Boothferry Bark.

Danny Blanchflower, the Northern Ireland manager, said: "I think he has tremendous qualities of strength and scoring power, this is something we need."

Stewart comes into the team rogether with Armstrong, of Tottesham Hotspur, in a 4-2-4 formation. They replace O'Neill, a Nottingham Forest middleid man, who has a stomach complaint and Fulham's George. Best, now out of action with a groin strain. Hunter, Ipswich Town's centre half, recovering from an ankle injury was yesterday declared fit. If there is any late reaction however then Nicholl (Southampton) will replace him.

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Group four

France's aim is to emerge from obscurity

Rugby Correspondent
Aithough England completed their last international campaign with only 16 players—plus Stephen Smith as a scrum half replacement for Maicolm Young in the second half against France—it seems unlikely at this stage of the season that more than seven or eight of them are certain starters for the next. The selectors will be keeping fingers crossed about one of those, Higneil, the full back, who is struggling to get himself ready for the university match and whose foot injuries seem frustratingly frequent.

As I suggested the other day, Paris, Nov 15.—France meet Bulgaria here tomorrow might needing a win to head Group Five in the World Cup and reach the finals after a decade of obscurity. A draw from this final game in the group will be enough to book Bulgaria's place to Buenos Aires. They lead France by one point in the current table, with the Republic of Ireland already out of the running in third place.

Bulgaria have qualified for the final stages of four successive World Cups, whereas France have not contested football's greatest championship for 11 years. Tomorrow's game at the Parc des Princes has aroused unprecedented interest here. All 50,000 tickets have been sold and many hars and restaurants have installed colour television, which is broadcasting the game live. France supporters are still angry about a disputed penalty in Sofia last October which would have given France victory. The match ended in a 2—2 draw. France must attack, which is their instinctive game, but their lack of a world-class goal-scorer may be felt against the well-drilled and experienced Bulgarian defence. Bulgariah have delayed naming their side until tomorrow. ingly frequent.

As I suggested the other day, the forward problems to be resolved during the course of the inter-regional and divisional games next mouth end of the maional trial in early January, are whether to play Fran Cotton at loose or ight-bead and how the loose trio should be comprised without Roger Unitey. When it comes to taking on the formidable French front row in Paris, there remains a case for an English front row made up of Cotton (loose-bead). versity tomorrow.

An ironic fact about England last season was that, after the decision had been made to play a right sort of game, the selectors left out Alan Old, the stand-off held best calculated to keep the ball accurately in front of a powerful pack, and, after choosing a miented ball player (but 2 defence. Bulgaria have delayed naming their side until tomorrow. In Michel Platini, France have a midfield specialist (and captain) of undisputed class, capable of turning a game. France's chances of winning the World Cup are minimal, but officials here see minimal, but officials here see qualification as an important step to putting them back on the map. FRANCE: A. Rey: G. Jawion, b. Ho. M. Trasor. M. J. Satis, D. Batheras, M. Pistini, J.-M. Guillott. D. Rochebseu. B. Lecumbe. D. Siz.

Bulgaria France

Today's fixtures World Cup (Qualifying round) England V listy (7.25) Northern breamd V Bectum (2.30) Cratine-loyakin V water (4.0)

Scottish League Cup (quarter final round, second leg)
Ceitic v St Mirren (7.50)
Dimfernillen v Rangers (7.50)
Forfar v Oucen of the South (7.50)
Rearts v Dundoe Utd (7.30) Rugby Union
Bedford v Rugby (7,18)
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Moselcy have decided to lesses no more tickets for the match against a Select XV in aid of the Sam Doble benefit. The game, at the Reddings on November 27, will be played before a crowd of \$,500. sail be played before a crown of 8,500.

London Scottish, celebrating their centenary in a beaze of points, make one change from the side that sank US Portsmooth

There are four changes in the pack. David Judd takes over at booker from David Barry who is unavailable. Paul Jackson, Adrian Alexander and David H. Cooke return after missing last Satur-

made up of Cotton (loose-head), Wheeler and Burton. This, inter-estingly, is the combination for Stanley's XV against Oxford Uni-

Rossiyn Perk are giving fitness tests to their back row forwards, Ripley and Mordell, before threating their site to meet Moseley at Roesempton on Saturday. Ripley, a former England No 8, dislocated a finger playing for Middlesex against Eastern Comities two weeks ago, Mordell has a wrist injury.

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Both are included in a party of 18 to face Moseley, who are unbeaten but lost a 100 per cent record to the Park two seasons ago. Park are still without their full back Treseder, Charles Kent and David McKey, who is expected to be out for another mouth after tracturing his coltar bone at the beginning of the seasons.

Moseley will play Cusworth, a stand-off helf, at full back. He takes the place of Clive Meanwell, who broke a finger exainst London Welsh and is likely to be cut of the side for at least three weeks. Otherwise the team is unchanged and Moseley will aim to strench their unbeaten run to 17 games.

Sixth provincial win for All Blacks After the interval, the All Blacks' pressure began to wear down the French side's resistance.

Angouleme, Nov 15.—The All Blacks, beaten 18—13 by France in the first international on Friday, regained their wisning ways with an overwhelming 30—3 victory over a French selection here today.

The French team trailed only 8—3 at half-time. Haget landed a penaity goal in the 28th minute to offset tries by Stoart Wilson in the 22nd minute and Robbic Stuart in the 33rd minute.

Eveleigh, Myers, Bruce and Osborne ran in further tries, three of which McKechnie converted. It was the All Blacks' penulti-mate match of their tour of France, which ends with the second international in Paris on Saturday.

recovering from a fraction cheekboote.

Richmond leave Rollitt, a former England intermentional, on the replacements' bench. He is given a rest after a tough autumn which has taken him away from the club four times to play for Gloucestershire. Sharpe retains the No 8 spot in a side that is unchanged after beating Harlequins 11—0.

Danny Lauffer, a former Loughborough Colleges player, makes his first senior appearance for Harlequins against Oxford University at Twickenham. Lauffer, who has been playing for Quins Wanderers, takes over from the captain, David Cooke, who is rested. Gordon Wood and Peter Rawle return on the wing and at scrum half respectively.

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SCHOOL MATCH: King's College. Taunion 5, Bryanston 7.

Show jumping

Jenkins goes clear to finish top

Toronto, Nov 15.—Rodoey Jenkins, of United States, showed his riding skill at the Royal Horse Show when he captured the Canadian Importal Bank of Commerce Stakes. A total of 27 riders entered the comparation of the Canadian Importance of Stakes. A total of 27 riders entered this event but only four managed to go clear over the biggest fences seen at the Royal this week.

Not a member of the United States team this year, Jenkins took the opportunity to enter as a private member and promptly picked up first prize guiding his mount Icy Pawe through a clean jump-off in 31-2 sec, just a clean jump-off in 31-2sec, just a nough of a margin to put the Canadian team member, John Simpson, on Texas, into second place. Simpson wes the only other rider clear in the jump-off but finished in 32.7sec. Ehrabeth Edgar, of the British team, rode well on Everest Wallaby in the jump-off but had to settle for third place.

Hockey

World cup holders to take part in Lord's festival

By Sydney Friskin
India, the world cup holders, and Scotland have accepted invitations to play in the international festival at Lord's on March 11 and 12 next year, according to information released yesterday by the Hockey Association. Confirmation from the Soviet Union is still awaited. The Indian team will arrive in London on March 8, and leave on March 13 for Buenos Aires to take.

March 13 for Buenos Aires to take part in the fourth world cup tournament from March 19 to April 2. The England team will leave for the same event the following day. Three English umpires. Graham Nash, Douglas Bruce and Christopher Todd have been selected for Buenos Aires. ted for Buenos Aires.

As New Zealand have withdrawn from the world cup, their place will be taken by Canada; who finished fifth is the inter-continen-

tal cup in Rome to Poland, Ire-land, Belgium, and the Scriet Union. Fears that Australia might also withdraw from the world cup have now been dispelled. have now been dispelled.

France and Italy will join the four home countries in the six nations indoor international tour nament at Crystal Palace from January 13 to 15 near year. The divisional indoor tournament which should have been held on December 11 has been postponed to give priority to the England team in their preparation for the Crystal Palace tournament. They will train at Warford on December 11 and 18.

The Roses Club, who will be

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The Roses Club, who will be represented mainly by Emplastic players, will take part in an international indicar-club formamental. The Hague on January 7 and 3 Scotland will be represented in this event by Granwood.

who did not ask for hearings.
Another was Gordon McQueen, a
Leeds United and Scotland
defender. The results of these matter is sub judice. The referee concerned, Roy Toseland, of Kettering, has been ill and was cases are expected to announced today. not present to give evidence. Fulham have failed in their attempt to get this week's home second division match against Hull City switched to Sunday. Their secretary, George Noyce, said: "With Chelsea at home to Aston Villa on Saturday we asked Hull the trees willing to switch The only comment came from an official: "The case has been an official: "The case has been adjourned pending further information being available". Macdonald is in further trouble, because he was sent off at High-Villa on Saturday we asked Hull ff they were willing to switch the match to Friday evening but they would not do so because they had Dave Roberts in the Welsh squad. We then contacted the Football League about playing the game on Sunday and they were prepared to consider it. However Hull have turned it down." bury last Saturday in the match against Coventry and, in consequence, automatically misses Arsenal's next game, away to Newcastle United, his former club, on Saturday.

to Tottenham on December 3.

Southampton could be heavily depleted by suspensions, because David Peach and Peter Osgood were among a list of players with 20 points dealt with yesterday but

Hugh Curran, an Oxford United striker, was found guilty on another charge of bringing the game into disrepute. He was fined \$30 and his club was fined \$75.

The charge related to an article He added: "It would have He added: "It would have been a very interesting experiment and we felt certain we would have had a really bumper gate. We played Miliwall on a Sunday during the three day week and there was a terrific gate at the Den. I feel certain that Sunday because football is going to come The charge related to an article written by Gurran in a local newspaper which criticized referees in general terms. The Oxford manager, Michael Brown, said afterwards. "Corrent mead certain afterwards: "Curran used certain terms which offended people and the club made the mistake of not verting the article." league football is going to come one day."

Lawson replaces Macdonald case adjourned Ball as the Malcolm Macdonald, Arsenal's cormer England striker, must wait to know his fate after an FA disciplinary Commission in condon adjourned vesterday ollowing a personal hearing which asted more than an hour. Macdonald is charged with bringing the game into disrepute some condonal disconding the game into disconding th

Halifax Town have sacked their sixteenth manager since the war, Alan Ball, father of the former England and Southampton midfield player. Immy Lawson, aged 29, has been appointed temporary player manager.

The board's decision was not unexpected. Halifax are 91st of The board's decision was not unexpected. Halifax are 91st of the 92 Football League clubs and have lost their last three fourth division games. Their average crowd of 2,088 is the lowest in their history. In 1921 they were founder members of the old third division porth.

division north. A short statement from the

A short statement from the directors said that Mr Ball's contract, due to end next February, had been terminated due to lack of satisfactory results and that Mr Lawson had accepted the temporary post of player manager. Ball was in his second spell with Hallfax. He rejoined them in February, 1976 and at the end of that season they were relegated. This year they were relegated. This year they were relegated to the fourth division.

In his tirst term at the Shay, Ball took Hallfax to promotion for the only time in their history, in 1968-59, and left to John Preston North End in May, 1970. He subsequently managed Southport and coached and managed several Scandinavian clubs before returning to England.

Lawson has made more than 300 league appearances for Middlesborough, Huddersfield Town and Hallfax with whom he is in his second season. A boardroom shake up a fortnight ago was

and Halifax with whom he is in his second season. A boardroom shake up a formight ago was promptly followed by a warning to Ball from the new chairman. Andrew Delaucy, that he had until the end of the month to improve Halifax's position.

£300,000 for Walsh

or more than 1500,000. It negotiations are finalized it could be the
start of a big spending spree by
Blackpol, totalling more than half
a million pounds. Mr Clough is
also interested in Blackpool's
young midfield player Billy Ronson, who is valued at more than
f100,000.

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Blackpool, themselves have made a £65,000 bid for West Bromwich's Republic of Ireland international midfield player, Michael Martin and they have contacted Sir Alf Ramsey at Birmingham with a £50,000 offer for winger Gary Jones, the former Everton player. Blackpool might also make

FA Trophy qualifying draw

Crystal Pulscs); K. Daro (Crystal Patace); A. Gale (Fulham), C. Paice (Hereford), D. Salmon (Brentford), D. Hecky (Arsenal), S. Hughes (Gillingham), B. P. King (Inswictors), M. Lovell (Fulham), J. Chiedoric (Orient, G. Ingram (Laten Town), A. Mahonny (Fulham), D. Mehmet (Millwall).

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The Dealer should be too fast for moody joker in Kempton pack

The pulse of the present National Hunt season quickens appreciably this weekend. For the ond year running the reigning chempion hurdler, Night Nurse, and Birds Nest will meet in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle, Last season Birds Nest was an easy, winner, but after the defeat of Bob Turnell's sevenyear-old by Swift Shadow at Sandowu Park, Night Nurse is sure to start favourite. Swift adow was also declared at the four-day stage of acceptors yesterday, but Iom Jopes will decide tomorrow between the Newcastle race and Friday's Kirk and Kirk

The Tote reported support esterday for Swift Shadow's stable companion, John Cherry, for the Ascot race. John Cherry was backed from 16-1 to 10-1. The six-year-old did not fulfil expectations at the winter game last season, but recently demonstrated his wellbeing when capturing the Prix Gladiateur on the dat in France. His trainer says that John Cherry is now hordling fluently at home. Provided that the ground is on the soft side on Friday. John Cherry must surely fluish in the first three.

The other gamble yesterday was on Midnight Court for the Kragod Kirk Handicap Steeplechase, Midnight Court overcame difficulties in running when beating Casmayor at Doncaster. This promised at Ascot. Nicholas Beaumont, the clerk of the course, said yesterday that the gale force winds had done their work and at the moment the going is good. On Saturday the Black and White Whitsky Gold Cap with £10,000 added is the richest prize of the weekend. The best price available about Bunker Hill is 5—4 with William Hill.

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Bunker Hill ran the race of his life when second to Border Incident in the Embassy Final at laydock last March. Adrian Maxwell's seven-year-old, who will be lown over from Ireland on Friday, showed himself to be in increased in the market. He has a reputation for taxeliability, but can go so if the hounds of hell are at his beels when in the mood. On this 14 opponents declared vesterday the experienced Crofton Hall is not a certain runner. John Dixon's eighe-year-old, the impressive winner of a handloap at Rexham under 12st 7lb on his reappearance, has also accepted to for the Embassy Qualifier at Newcastle. Crofton Hall will run the moved to sey after the race: "I wouldn't be in a

Sedgefield programme

7-4 O'Conno. 8-2 Royal Navy. 6-1 Jack. 12-1 General Benomia. 30-1 gibers.

12.45 CORNFORTH HURDLE (Div 1: Novices: £272: 2m)

1.45 STILLINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £499: 2m)

2.15 CHILTON STEEPLECHASE (Handlesp: £548: 2m)

HNGFON HURDLE (HBGGCap: 1475: 2m)
Father Delawey (C.D.) M. H. Easterby, 5-11-8. A. Rro
Yes Yes Yes (D.) W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-1. R. Coli
Regal Bird (D.) Mrg R. Lomass, 6-10-6. T. Andre La Baudrier W. Syms. 8-10-6. C. Hopto, 4-10-0. R.
Let Delaney, 9-1 Yes Yes, 9-2 Regal Bird. 14-1 Yesoda,
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Piddler On The Hoof (C-D), K. Ollywe, 8-11-6 R. Barry 22417 Barry Star (C-D), S. Neablt, 9-11-7 D. Munuo 22417 Barbbermonik (C-D), T. Ulliam, 8-11-1 J. O. Neill 216210 Rad Weil (C-D), M. Naushion, 5-10-9 Mr S. Keitlaweil S. O00-104 Marcus Lady, G. Lamb, 8-10-8 D. R. Lamber 17000-2 Tallare ins (D) J. Howite, 8-10-0 C. Thister

3-3 Stabbermouth, 4-1 Four Star, 11-2 Tattors Inn. 6-1 Fiddler On The Boof, Red Well, 10-1 Mon Bieu, 13-1 Marcus Lady.

2.45 KELLOE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £809: 3m 250yd)

12 b-00003 Marungu, C. Boothman, 10-10-0 Mr M. Br 10 v09-042 Canomble Key (C) C. Hovie, 10-10-0 J. An 12 b-00003 Marungu, C. Boothman, 10-10-0 J. An 1-1, Sporton Boy, 11-1 Cambria, 5-1 Canomble Key, 13-3 Ormon B-1 Francophile, 10-1 Tartan Tutor, 14-1 Marungu.

3.15 MIDRIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £334: 2m)

3.45 CORNFORTH HURDLE (Div II: £272: 2m)

13-0232 Prairie Master, R. E. Peacock, B-11-5. Mr M. Brisbourne 5 0040-30 Roast Chestaut, P. Wigham. -11-5 Mr M. Brisbourne 5 0040-30 Roast Chestaut, P. Wigham. -11-5 Mr M. Group Good School School

decides to ride. The leading jockey, hungry for winners before departing to America for a week to ride Sea Pigeon in the Colonial Cup has not yet made his final plans.

such a promising second to Another Dolly a; Cheltenham, may also miss the race. In view of his inexperience, lest week's Wincamon scorer, Strombolus, cannot be expected to be a match for Bunker Hill, who should start at pudds on.

future stardom.

Buckshells victory surprizes trainer

Brigadier Roscoe Harvey, who sat in on innumerable stewards' inquiries during his days as senior stipendary steward, found his horse. Buckshell the subject of scrudny after John Suthern had ridden the six-year-old to win the Massham Handicap Steeple-chase at Leicester yesterday. Buckshell bent the race. future stardom.

Winter can complete his second double of the week with last season's beaten Triumph Hurdle favourite, Ratheonrath in the Sprig Four Year-Old hurdle. Other likely winners at Keonoton are Jimmy Miff, who showed conspicuous gallentry when chasing home Approaching at Newbury and Miss Auriol Sinchair's 11-year-old, Socket, who can repeat last year's success in the Uxbridge Opportunity Handicap Steeple-chase.

chase at Lincester yestermay, minimized lept the race.

Buckshell, pulled up in his only previous race this season at Newbury 13 days earlier, initiated a double for Brigadier Harvey, who have been a manhar of the locker Gob. double for Brigadier Harvey, who is a member of the Jockey Clab., and his wife, Berry, who won the following Sheby Opportunity Handicap Steeplechase with No Defence. The stewards asked Brigadier Harvey's trainer, David Nicholson, so explain the difference in running of Buckshell, and accepted his explanation.

difference in running of Buckshell, and accepted his explanation.

At Newbury the bay had faded quickly and Nicholson considered that he had no chance today. Buckshell, a 6-1 chance, was left in the lead when Corumarizer fell four fences out. He was challenged over the remaining obstacles by the favourite, Double Negative, and held him at hay on the run-in by a couple of lengths. Nicholson's other runner, the top weight Winet a Buck (5 so 2), was a bad thind.

"I can't understand Winst a Buck—he was never going well "Nicholson suft of this half-brother to the Grand National and doal Chelcenhem Gold Cupwinner, L'Escurgot, who promised so much but has now gons 22 months without a win.

Brigadite Harvey bought Buckshell, a rising young geiding who could make a National horse, at Doncaster Sales as a three-year-old, und he won three times for him leat season. No Defence, bred by the Harveys and also trained by Nicholson, was winning for the lift time, when getting home by a head from the Opportunity Steeplechase. He was partnered by Alan Webb.

Webb, strached to Nicholson's Stow-on-the-Wold stable, was recording his 23rd win, although it was his first success over fences. He took the top weight into the lead on the final turn for home. Cotton Coon was on his beels jumping the last three fences, and put in a strong challenge on the final turn for home. Cotton Coon was on his beels jumping the last three fences, and put in a strong challenge on the final turn for home. Cotton Coon was on his beels jumping the last three fences, and put in a strong challenge on the final turn for home. Cotton Coon was on his beels jumping the last three fences, and put in a strong challenge on the final maliant style.

John Moran, an Irish-born jockey now with Peter Arthur at Aston Tirrold, had his second winner from three rides this season when he partnered Prince Abyss to a 25-1 runaway success for the Watham Handicap Hurdle. The 11-year-old made all the running and had 20 lengths to



Best feet forward: Buckshell clears the last fence at Leicester before going on to win.

Michael Dickinson, riding one of his favourite horses, Toughle, who used to be in his father's yard, just managed to avoid the fallers at the fourth fence in the Barkby Selling Handicap Suceplechase and, left in the lead, made the rest of the running for a four lengths' victory. It was the sixth success of the season for the Yorkshire owner-trainer, and his wife, Muriel, retained Toughle without a bid.

Hidden Value earned a 33 to I quote with William Hill for the 1978 Grand National when bearing Collingwood by two lengths in the John Jorrocks Handicap

3.30 SPRIG HURDLE (4y-0: E758: 2m)

Kempton Park selections

2.30 PLYOVER STERPLECHASE (Novices: £716: 21m 90yd)

By Our Racing Staff 1.0 Socket. 1.30 Faithful Mata. 2.0 Hill Station. 2.30 THE DEALER is specially recommended. 3.0 Jimmy Miff. 3.30 Rathcourain.

3.45 HALFORD HURDLE (Div II: Novices: 4y-o: £272: 2m

1.15 Sir Gayle. 1.45 Royal Thrust. 2.15 Stone Thrower. 2.45 Co-Partner. 3.15 Pizza. 3.45 Next Tomorrow.

3.15 TEME STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £820: 3m)

1f 30yd)

Bounte de Lyan, J. Peutock. 11-0 .

Suck Ames, R. Kilpe. 11-0 .

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Diamoed Divine. R. Pugh, 11-0 .

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Peur Pais, D. McCain. 11-0 .

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Diamoed Twine. J. Hurley. 11-0 .

Diavely Twia. J. Edwards. 11-0 .

Pantisch. D. Barons. 11-0 .

Sunflight, B. Cambidge. 11-0 .

Sunflight, F. Vardey. 11-0 .

Bounde de Lyon. 7-3 Chocobet lung. 9-2 Pa

1f 30yd)

Ludlow selections

By Our Racine Staff

Doncaster this month, blundered at the third fence but Jonjo O'Neill, staging a brilliam recovery, soon had this son of Vulgan back on

moved Hidden Value into the lead, Hidden Value, tenth in this year's Grand National, was described by the trainer. Steve North, as the "best horse I have ever trained". North, who has saddled a Cheltenlam festival winner, Silk Stone, added: "He is a hell of a 'chaser and the further he has to go the more he likes it."

Hidden Value, who will be on O'Neill's short list for Aintree, runs next in a £1,500 steeplechase at Catterick Bridge on Saurday was feet. week. His time yesterday was fast
—only four seconds short of the
record 6min 7sec set up for three
miles 31 yards by Gbester Moor in
1971.

O'Nail completed a quick double

End of body building drug may be in sight

Athletics

Arbletics Correspondent

The use of anabolic steroids, the banned body-building drug, could possibly be eliminated from athletics in Europe by 1980, predicted the president of the European Arbletic Association, Arthur Gold, at a press conference in London yesterday. The recent positive tests on four athletes who had competed in the European Cup final at Helsinki in August, together with the new rules on dope testing adopted by the EAA at its congress in Seville earlier this month, meant that there was "a change in climate in Europe", he said. "Seville was the watershed."

One of the new rules, which Arbietics Correspondent

One of the new rules, which was proposed by the British Amateur Athletic Board and passed by 90 votes to 50 at the Congress, gave the EAA the power to call for doping controls at any international meetings in Europe, and this, if applied, "frequently and unamounced" would make athletes realize that their chances of being caught had greatly increased, he said, Grant aid was now being provided both by the Sports Council in Britain, and by the EAA, to help finance the doping controls, which cost between f25 and £50 for each with the cost of the co

out at the European junior championships, held at Donetsk, in the Soviet Union, in August, had shown a relatively large number of positive results, not only among prowers, but also runners and jumpers. "As the method of testing in this case was slightly different to that laid down under international rules, no action will be taken", he said. "But it is a salutary and frightening lesson that so many young athletes have apparently been taking steroids."

Everyone who has seen the unhealthy and unsporting trend towards the use of steroids grow

alarmingly in the past 20 years will be delighted if the menace really can be stamped out at last. But having put its own house in order, the EAA will, I hope, put continued pressure on the International Amateur Athletic Federation to ensure equal vipilance in other parts of the world.

Advertisements are now appear-Advertisements are now appear

other parts of the world.

Advertisements are now appearing in the national press inviting applications for the new post of general secretary to the BAAB, and it is envisaged, said the bard's hotorary secretary, Robert Stinson, that the successful applicant will take up his or her appointment on April 1.

A panel consisting of around seven or eight members, including the principal BAAB officers and a personnel officer, will in mid-becember interview a short list of candidates for the post, which carries an initial salary of \$5,500. A three-page job description issued to applicants indicates that it will be well earned, as the current secretary and presume ly last honorary holder of the post will testify.

Meanwhile, beard officials wast with an element of repidation to hear at their international athletes get together at Crystal Palace of December 10 and 11 how the

get together at Crystal Palace on December 10 and 11 how the planned "Occasia Games", due ings in Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne or Adelaide, involves
Britain, West Germany, Poland
and the Soviet Union and around
40 British athletes will be chosen
for the long trip.

A full programme of events,
with one or two athletes per
nation taking part in each, is
apparently visualized by the orgarizers, but at the end of an
already busy season, which includes the Commonwealth Games
and the European championships,
I would not be surprised if some
leading athletes decided to put
their passports back in the

Boxing

Watt cannot expect to walk bout with hard Spaniard

round to win the vacant European rouse energy left after the contest that he spent the hight walking the streets around his hotel.

It would be nice to think that he might got away with it as lightly in Solihull tonight when he defends the championship against the quainty-named Spanish the quick cut eye his August opponent, Andre Holyk, suffered was a stroke of luck that is hardly likely to be repeated. Wett will probably have to work considerably harder this time.

For a man making a voluntary title defence, Watt has not the easiest opponent available. Most leading Continentals have styles that are difficult to unravel and, in addition, Lucas is also a hard men. The Spaniard is unbeaten in his last six bouts and, like Watt, rous energy left after the contest

he is accustomed to competing in championship class. During the past four years he has boxed seven times for the Spanish tide and he recently knocked out Sven-Erik Paulsen, a former European junior lightweight champion. However, this is his first attempt to win a European tide

Galindez in fighting mood

Turin, Nov 15.—Victor Galindez, of Argentina, says he will make short work of the American challenger, Eddie Gregory, when he defends his World Boxing Association (WBA) light-heavy-weight title for the ninth time here on Saturday. "I'm going for a quick knock-out", the 28-year-old champion told reporters. Gregory, 24, ranked fourth in the WBA rankings, hes 19 victories to his credit in a meteoric 22-bout career and believes he can inflict the first defeat on the Argentine since 1971. Galindes Turin, Nov 15 .- Victor Galindez,

has successfully defended his title in Italy twice this year already, against Ritchie Kares and Alvaro Lopes, of the United

Alvaro Lopes, of the United States.
Rodolfo Sabbatini, the promoter, has the World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, higuel Angel Cuello, of Argentina, under contract to defand his title against Mate Parlov, of Yugoslaria, in Milan. That bout has been jost-poned twice because Cuello has been injured and the WBC have issued a stern warning to the champion to face Parlov sood or be stripped of his title.—Reuter.

Cricket

Gavaskar hopes to be fit for first Test

Griffith, Nov 15.—A relieved Sunfi Gavaskar, opening batsman for the Indian team, today said that he was confident of recovering in time to play in the first Test against Australia in Brisbane on December 2. Gavaskar tore his right thigh muscle when he stipped in the field yesterday on the hast day of India's sixwicker victory against Victoria.

Gavaskar required pain-killing hablets last night, but the injury was better this morning and he received further apecialist treatment after arriving in Sydney today. "My thigh is much easker and I'm quite sure I will be right for the first Test", Gavaskar said.

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In the absence of Bedi, the tour captain, and Gavaskar the Indians will be led in their one-day game against New South Wales country at Griffith tomorrow by Venkataraghavan, an off-sain bowler. Venkataraghavan bas led India in Test cricket and captained the Indian team in the Prudential Trophy in England in 1975.

Prudential Trophy in England in 1975.

The Indians have only one specialist opening batsman in their team to play New South Wales—Chouhan, who had immings of 157 and 47 in their win against Victoria. It is expected that Amaruath, an all-reunder, will partner Chanhan in the absence of Gavaskar, who has been told to rest for at least two weeks. to rest for at least two weeks. The indians will be striving for their fifth successive win on the their fifth successive with on the tour as they prepare for their first-class march against New South Wales starting at the Sydney cricket gorund on Friday. PERTM: Shofflind Shield March Queensland, 532 and 5/2 fr 7 der CA. Kaiftcharran Re, I Hohms 79 not out. Western Anstrains 515 for 8 dec and 217 for 1 CG. Wood 100 not out, K. Wright 69 not out. Match drawn.

1978 fixtures Other matches

July 5—Lord's—MGC 7 Scotland (2 days)
13—Lord's—Ston v Harrow 12 days,
second day Sunday:
12—Lord's—NGC v Denmark 11 days,
26—Lord's—NGC Schools v National
Association of Young Cricketors (2
48—Lord's—England Young Cricketors

Combined Services (1 day)

August 16-Lord's John Haig Trophy final off Lord's not required for Gillette Cap semi-final

September

-Lord's-National Village

Motor racing Martini enters the world of formula one

By John Bhunsden A new French works motor racing team will be making us first grand prix appearance next year. Tico Martini, whose racing cars have played a significant rule in the lesser powered single-seater formulae in recent years, is pultiple the finishing tooks to he formulae in recent years, is pulting the finishing touches to half first formula one car, which will be contesting the 1978 world championship.

The car, which will be powered by the British Ford DFV engine, will be driven by Rene Arnoux, this year's European formula two champion. Initial track tests will begin in December after the Martini-Ford has passed its final stack checks at the team's factory at Magny-Cours.

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The Martini team are to be sponsored by Relations Mai d'Ocuvre, a French employment agency, and by the ELF petroleum group, and will contest all the European rounds of the championship and possibly the South African Grand Prix in Marcia. However, if current negotiations with a further sponsor are successful, the team's arrival may well be brought forward to the

Lauda hopes to drive new car in Argentina

Vallelunga, Italy, Nov 15.—Niki Lauda, the world champion raci: 3 uriver, tested a Brabham-Ai a Romeo Br45 for the first time today on this track north of Rome but said he hoped to make mis lirst appearance in the world championship at the wheel of the new, revolutionary Br46 model.

The Austrian driver described as monstense "reports that the new car would not be ready for years." The new Brabham is peing test of the England- by John Waison", Lauda said. "If the tests over the next two weeks prove successful I may have the Br46 for the Grand Prix of Argentina in January. I have found the old model competitive, but Watson says the new one is even faster." Lauda, however, conceded there were still problems to be perfect for the ever, conceded there were still problems to be solved for the

BT46.
"Lots of problems", said the British designer, Gordon Murray, the creator of the BT45 and BT46.
"Nothing unusual, however, for a new car. We are working hard

herry to take that one on again." It is D-Day for The Dealer this eftertoon. Trustful is a confirmed front runner and if The Dealer can keep in truck with Stan Meilor's geiding and beat him for speed at the finish, his reputation will be firmly established. The Dealer is a confident selection to stake his claim for future startogn.

of the most interesting races of the week takes place at Kempton Park this afternoon. Fred Winter runs The Dealer in the Figorer Novices Steeplechase. The Dealer was a top class young hurder last season, winning five of his seven races. His only important defeat occurred at the hands of Counsel Cottage and Master Smudge in the Sun Alliance Hurdig at the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham. That was not The Dealer's true

That was not The Dealer's true running. Earlier he had shown both speed and courage when besting French Hollow over two miles at Ascot. At Chepstow at the beginning of February, the gelding put up a breacth-taking performance over half a mile further in a fast time.

Even after that victory Winter was adamant that The Dealer's full potential would not be realized until he was put to femces. That eagerty awaited day arrived at Ascot in October. The seven-year-old, a short-priced favourite at 6-4, finished four lengths behind kilbroney.

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To those watching that afternoon, The Dealer lost mo castle in defeat. Kilbroney, a fitner borse and a previous winner over fences, stole a decisive lead turning into the straight. John Francome had not hurried The Dealer in the carly stages, giving him plenty of time to see his fences. When he went is pursuit of the winner between the last two jumps, The Dealer quickened in fine style but lack of a previous outing told on the run in. With the confidence gained from that experience, Francome will be making more use of his mount today.

year's success in the Uxbridge Opportunity Handicap Steeple-chase.

At Lodiow Fred Rimell can strike a winding vein by capturing the Halford Novices Hurdle with Sir Gayle and the Ludford Handicap with Royal Thrast. Both horses won last time out as did Richard Head's Stone Thrower, who konks the pick of the weights in the Knight, Frank and Rudley Opportunity Hurdle qualifier.

Up in County Durham, at Sedgetfield, Father Delaney appears a certainty-barring accidents—to gain a third successive win in the Stillington Handicap Hurdle. The course specialist, Four Star, has Cumbria to overcome in the Kelloe Handicap Hurdle. The Course specialist, Four Star, has Cumbria to overcome in the Kelloe Handicap Steeplechase and Royal Navy, second to Kelso Chat at Newcastle should be too good for O'Conna in the first division of the Counforth Novices Hurdle.

There were 23 declared for the supporting Black and White Whisky Handicap Hurdle. The top weights accepting were Peterhol and Alverton. Alverton is trained by Peter Easterby, but Peterhol, formerly with his brother, Michael, is now with Fulke Walwyn. The five-year-old turned in a great arst run of the season when only a mistake at the best hurdle prevented him from beating Successor at Chekenham. This is an open affair and the bookmakers, not surprissiply, differ widely in their assessment of the situation. However they are all manimous in making Peterhol one of their favourities.

In Ireland the same afternoon Brown Lad will be attempting to make his comeback in the Peugeot Troytown Handicap at Navan. Brown Lad will be attempting to make his comeback in the Peugeot Troytown Handicap to Navan. Brown Lad will be attempting to make his comeback in the Peugeot Troytown Handicap to be known to be known at the race is bound to be informative as the C

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B. Ashbridge ?
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Kempton Park programme



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0-004 Alemee, Mrs E. Kcrimard, 11-0
090-0 Hi Fory, J. Tlerney, 11-0
090-0 Heledy River J. Edwards, 11-0
090-0 Scat Lane, 11-0
000-00 Tolligate J. Sewards, 11-0
090-00 Wayward Man, B. Cambidge, 11-0
09: Wayward Man, B. Cambidge, 11-0 1.45 LUDFORD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 6839: 2½m) 040-23 Royst Thrust (0), P. Rimell. 8-21-9 J. Burke 04-0234 Exhibit B (0), F. Wahryn, 8-11-2 M. Floyd My Snowman, T. Forstor, 8-10-13 G. Thorner 0000- Tader Abbs (0), J. S. Thurner, 12-10-7 A. K. Taylor 0-04020 Sanny Chief (C,D), B. Cambidge, 9-10-0 S. Parkyn

2.15 KNIGHT, PRANK AND RUTLEY HURDLE (Handicap: £831: 2m ft 30yd) \$23404-1 \$11223-0 \$101-033 \$074031-1100-00 133-000 2-01360 021-21 0340-11 21,00-00

7-2 Birehell, 9-2 Stone Thurwer, 6-1 Amother Dove, 7-1 Superior Sam, 8-1 Great Freds. What-A-Prince, 10-1 Tempost Cirl. in View, 13-1 Panks, 16-1 sthers. 2.45 LUDLOW HUGH SUMMER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: Sedgefield selections

By Our Racing Staff 12.45 Royal Navy. 1.15 Grass Currency. 1.45 Father Delaney. 2.15 Four Star. 2.45 Scorton Boy. 3.15 Another Morley. 3.45 Village Dusky. Teesside Park

1.45 (1.46) CHARLIE STORES HURDLE (Handicap: E372: 2m 176 yd) ALSO RAN: 5-1 Re-Lock (4th), 5-1 Vession All, 12-1 Pasko, 20-1 Milbil, 25-1 Our Seance, 55-1 Walning Cattage, 9 ran. 15 (2.16) JOHN JORROCKS STEEPLECHAJE (Handicap: 5862: Sm 31yd)

4.45 12.46: MR SPONGE MURE (Mandicap: £718: 2m 1767ds) Raimandur, ch g, by Yellow God— stune: LJ. Craig: 4-10-9 stune: LJ. L. Graig: 4-10-9 Sides Fire . R. Lamb 15-21 Sides Mappy ... N. Tabler (10-1) 14190 RAN: 100-30 Hopeful Bloom 14th: 7-1 Configence, 12-1 Estate Agent, Bellbret, 14-1 Angel Gare, 20-1 Field Moss, Darling Eve, Added Starter, 17 ran. TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 16p, 31p, 36p; dual forecast, 83p. E. Carter, at Maiton. Nik, 7j. Candled Peel did not 5.15 (5.17) JAMES PIGG STUBPLE-CHARE (Norkes: E760: 2ºm)
Cala Llonga, h g. by David Jack1 represt (405 C. Wright)
1-11-2 ... M. Lowy (2-1 for 1
Devils Selifier (0. Bronnas (25-1) 2
Chiquera ... K. McCouley (20-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 9-5 Dux. 4-1 Forest Guard, 10-1 Moads Manur (fr. 12-1 10-4 Walter 4th; 29-1 Tulte Town. 33-1 Drameen (fr. Pickwood Kaisht (b), Rajons Wish (fr. 11 ran. TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 16p, 14p; 11-40; dual ferrecast, 22,93, J. Fitz gerald, at Mailon, 1'-1, nk.

5.45 (5.46) MESS BELDADA HURDLE (Div H: 3-y-c Novices; 55-10; Em 176yds)
Balawa, b g, by Sit in the Corner—Bestwitch (D. Walson), 10-7
P. A. Chariton (3-1), 7
MH. River . R, Collins (6-5 Er) 2
Qualus . P. Briderick (5-1) 3

2 30 (2 31) SILERY STEEPLECHARE (Handlesp: £620; 2ni) Leicester results

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1.0 (1.5) BEGINNERS' HURDLE (Div
1: 57-5 novices: 2536; 2m)
Excelsior, b. c. by Aglojo—Honeymoon imts H. Fishmann. 10-10

Mr. Playbrids ... J. King 49-2 2

King's Confident, A. Brown (12-11) 3

ALSO RAN' 100-50 11 4av Sarinty.
0.1 Seven Winds, 11-1 Loading Rose
1 (1b), 14-1 Rial, 16-1 Petal 0t. 25-1

High Frequency. Proceeding Wood.
Little Roseler, 3-3 Aahon Light, Blackmore Park (p), Car Fair 111, Carver's Corah, Passal (f). Philomer (f).

TOTE: Win 3-3 and 10-50. 1.50 (1.52) BARKSY STEEPLECHASE (Handleap, E323; 2m)
Toughie, b g, by Harf Ridden, Jini (M. Naughton), 10-10-11
M. Dickinson (11-10 fav) 1
Peace and Oulet R. Carriner (15-11 2
Gay Corro ... F. Enright (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN; 7-2 Welsh Dresser (b), 3-2 Quordam (1), 112-1 Sovereign Gold (4th; 6 ran, TOTE, Win, 27p. Places, 14p, 55p;

2.3 MEASHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handica): E668. 3m) dicap: £668. 5m;
Backshell, b g. b Royal Buck—
Bhelly River (Brig C Harvey),
6-11-3..... J. Suthers (6-1) 1
Double Negative
S. Morshead (13-8 fav) 2
What A Buck, J. King (5-2) 3 ALSO RAN: 10-1 Commarket (f), 12-1 Lucy Parker (f), 14-1 Fighting Chance (4th).

Heanglesp: £620: 2n1 Me Defonce, b g, by No Allbi-Bettia (Mra C. Harveyt, 8-12-7 A. Webb (7-4) 1 Collon Coon, P Barry (1-8 fav) 2 Cullovite ... J. Marshall (5-1) 2 ALSO RAN: 9-1 Fredo (4th). 4 ran. 5.0 (5.3) WALTHAM HURDLI (Handicap, \$668; 2m) Prince Abyss, h g, by Abyss-Indian Heiress (T. Lyons fi), 11-5-7 Indian Herreas (T. Lyona ft), 11-6-7

Jasi Revenge, P. Leach (2-1 fav) 2

Jewel of Meath, U. McCourt (50-1) 3

ALSO RAN 6-1 Spring Fing, 10-1

Ronard, Terryash, Dark Point, 11-1

Ryhall Grange, Rilke (34th, 15-1)

Cotonel Nelson 20-1 Gentle Kinght, Mandy Boy, 25-1 High Mark, 50-1

Artic Ramber, Sammire Gill, Timb (Choice, Charming Scott, Noble Seasior, Isaac Singer, 19 ran.

TOTE Win, 23-16, places, 81, 19, 24-5; dupl Introd., 201, 71. 3 30 /3 921 BEGINNERS' WURDLE (DIV II: 3-y-0 novices: £521: 2m)

Mr D. Shaw 7

Mr W. Inaail 7

Mr A. Fowler 7

Mlos F. Sloroy 7

Mr G. Dunn 7

Mr D. Oldhasn 7

Mr J. Mackio 7

Mr B. Cawlord 7

Mr B. Cawlord 7

Mr B. Barion 7

Mr S. Barion 8

Mr S. Keitirwel 7

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Mr R. Page J

Frankly Yes, 8-1

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remen Salata, b s by Saintly Song—Maniserrat (Ludy S. Kes-wich), 10-10

B. R. Davies (13-8 fav. 1 2 Maiss Steel ... A. Webber (15-1) 2 Maiss Steel ... A. Webber (15-1) 2 Maiss Steel ... A. Webber (15-1) 3 ALSO RAN; 5-1 Wotton Less, 9-1 Nemon, 25-1 Low Lindeth, 50-1 Cashmere Borta, Moor Close, Pieridium (1th), Red Clip. Supprerown. Whistiors Princess pt 12 ran.

TOTE Win, 27p; places, 11p, 35p, 12p; dual forecast, 95p D. Mortey, at Bury St Edmunds, 31, 24.

TOTE DOUBLE: Burkshell and Prince Alyas, 25,85. TREBLE: Toughle, No Defence and French Salat, £11.95. Night Messenger D. Cartwright (9-2) 2 Listen Here . E. Walte (5-2 fev) 3 ALSO RAN: 11-2 Emparer's Gir.
6-1 Windmill Boy (4th), 8-1 inpergavie, 10-1 Lennox, 14-1 Toussaint,
16-1 Princess Arcado, 50-1 Lines
Prince (1), Sorama, Sair of Canalord. TOTE: Wen, \$1,86: places, 50p, 13p, 15p; dual forecast, \$15,51, H, Gistina,

Ludlow

.15 /1.17) CORVEDALE STEEPLE-CHASE (Handkap) E340: 3m) 2.45 (2.56) EMEMBER HURDLE (Div 1: 5-y-e: 5272: 2m 1/ 50yd) Sesse. b f, by Royber-Windsor. 10-7 R. Manges 134-1: 2 Whiney Bree D. Champion -14-1: 2 Tran Olvar S. Holland 17-2: 3 ALSO RAN; 3-1 far Navel Victory ff, 7-2 Royal Andition (f), 11-2 Orinnose, 30-1 Captain Midnight, 35-1 Sewingling Stafer, Windsell Ponny, 35-1 Prince Quay, 50-1 Critic Hertinge, Heron's Cappor (4th), 150be's Choice, Paghis, Ponders Jacquelte, 15 Ra. CHASE (Handkerp: E340: 2m)

Kerry S, b m, by Paddy's Brthday—Flying Deal, 6-16-11

Buchs Head ... C, Smith (4-1) 2

Rossula R, Rowell (7-2 fav) 3 ALSO RAN: 4-1 King's Fling, 5-1 Drubskillen (4th), 51-2 Meer Lady (h. 20-1 Taman, 7 rzn. TOTE: Win, 76p; places, 50p, 51p; dual (grocast, 81p, E. Birchall, at Kiddersalasler, 7), 5). Advocate did not TOTE: Win, \$1.09; places, 17p, 29a, lo: dual forecast, \$5.62, J. Materi, Hardwicks, 1'3, 10L S.15 (3.20) CLUN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2833: 3m) TOTE: Win, 21p: places, 18p, 39p, 25p; dual forecast, 53p, T. Forster, at Wantage, 71, 15i, Phylic Boy did not

wild Choras, br q, by Articulate— Pentrior's Presider, 7-11-2 Mr R, Wooldy 19-21 7 Knock On , Mr E, Woods (9-2) 2 Skeiffan See Mr A, J. Wilson (7-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Patronage (f), 4-1 Langton Water (f), 5-1 Ross Royal ALSO RAN: 100-30 Retwood Lac. 13-1, Mrss Quey (-5th), Polly Pools, 33-1 Alpins Call, Bess Weep, Fire-light, Worst Here, Perfect Fu. TUTE: Win, 94n; slaces, 81n, 11n, 57p; dual furecast, 82.62, J. Edwards, at Leominster, 21s, 11.

ALSO RAN: 12-1 Gaiz Lad. 14-1 Howe Lane (4th), 55-1 Tartus River. 25-1 Manusys Pascal, Lizanna, My Old Man, 33-1 Brasslagn, Edendry Choice. Fyfield (f), 12 ran. . TOTE: Win. 17p; places. 11p. 11d. 32p;; dual forecast, X7p. G. W. Richards, at Greystoke. 21, 201. Gainh Bird. t. ps. by Darling Boy— Lyre Bird. 12. Outneys, 6-11-5 C. Tipkler (6-4 far) Washingson Cal D. Groates 135-11 Borponderd ... Mr R. Page 19-41

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Concern that industrial tribunals are becoming too legalistic

Mr Harold Walker Minister of State for Employment, said he shared concern that industrial tri-bunals had become over legalistic, thus adding to their cost. It was something which would have to be

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edg-baston, C), seeking statistics on the number of dismissal cases com-ing before industrial tribunals, asked—Is it true that the numbers are rising sharply? Clerks in employment exchanges often urge dismissed persons to claim, stress-ing that it will not creet them areing that it will not cost them any-thing even though their dismissal might be perfectly justified. The cost to the employer is inevitable, Will he take steps to stop claims

which are purely vexatious or triv-lal because they are a trouble to industry? Mr Walker (Doncaster, Lab)— The number of applications to tri-bunals for unfair dismissal is inreasing.

She should not believe all she sads in newspapers. The kind of its allegations she made about the staff of the employment service agencies have been investigated.

Disturbing

bureaucracy

Lord Wall, opening a debate on an EEC draft directive relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances, said that at a time when the European Community had many critics,

progressive industry.

Lord Lyell, for the Opposition, said the harmonious operation of EEC directives depended on rules being practical. There was a plea

oeing practical. There was a feat in one paragraph of the report for a measure of flexibility on what substances must be notified to the Commission and United Kingdom Government as being detrimental.

surely the Commission did not intend to confuse people needlessly on transport labelling, particularly of dangerous substances which would cross frontiers?

Lady Seear (L) said it would be absurd to have proposals for safety symbols different from those being used by the United Nations. She did not want a sort of European

did not want a sort of European nationalism which wanted to do things differently from other

Lord Valzey (Lab) said the chemi-Lord valizey (Lab) said the chemi-cal industry could not function properly or legally if it had to abide by this directive. There was too much detail and no acceptance of the fact that life itself had its

risks.

Every time you try to make a product safe (he sald) you add to the cost of manufacture.

Did the Commission want to kill the Commission want to kill the cost of the c

impossible to produce anything?
Lord Wallace of Costany, Lord in Walting, said there was special concern over development of new chemicals which might adversely

affect users.

The committee had expressed concern that the exemption for small quantities might weaken the directive considerably. But only the less dangerous chemicals were than only if the

the less dangerous chemicals were exempt and even then only if the quantity was so small that there was no danger to workers or others. The United Kingdom legis-lation would be equally tough.

in Brussels

House of Lords

picture of

The tribunals have power to award costs where there is a frivolous or vexatious claim lodged, so there is that influence which they already have.

Mr Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab)-Will he confirm that no worker can make an application for unfair dis-missal unless he has completed 26 weeks continuous employment and that that period ought to allow a competent employer to determine whether a person is satisfactory or whether a person is satisfactory?

The provisions of this legislation represent fundamental rights which have been freely available for many workers in most other.

Mr Walker-He is right, I never Mr Walker—He is right, I never cease to be surprised by the number of letters I receive from Conservative MPs complaining that the 25-week period excludes some of their constituents and their applications. Unfair dismissal, in the first place, rests with the employer. It is not the Act that creates unfair dismissals. It is the employer.

intries for many years. (Labour

As we would expect, they give advice. They do not operate in the way she end some sections of the press have suggested.

The triburals ted.

Ar James Prior, chief Opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C)—There is a great deal of concern about the restriction. deal of concern about the way industrial tribunals are operating, a concern not just shared by employers but by some trade union leader.

The number of unfair dismissa The number of unfair dismissal cases is going up by about 50 per cent a year. This is leading to a view among smaller employers in particular that it is better not to employ labour. It we are to get unemployment down, he ought to look at this in a less prejudiced way than perhaps he has done so far. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Walker—I acknowledge that the number of applications to tri-bunals on the grounds of unfair dismissal has gone up in recent years, but contrary to his estimate there has been a steady increase at there has been a steady increase at the rate of 50 per cent a year, it has levelled out during the last 18 months to about 3,000 cases a quarter. It would have helped if he would be more specific.

There are allegations that the tribunals have become over legalistically and approximation of the property of the property legalistics.

British Railways and the closed shop

British Railways had dismissed 40 mr Grant—The Government view employees for refusing to join a trade union, and of these five had between 29 and 39 years' service and two had more than 39 years' service. Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said during questions about the number and the Government's attinude towards such dismissals.

Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab)—A multime of people have over the years lost their jobs pan Community had many critics, not to say enemies, it was regretiable that documents like this draft directive should be issued by Brussels in this way.

It gave a disturbing picture of the bureaucracy in Brussels. There was ample expert and willing advice available and proper consultation was always quicker and cheaper in the long run.

Not only the United Kingdom chemical industry but the entire European chemical industry was highly critical of the draft directive and the Government should do all they could to stop such documents coming forward like this. They tarnished the image of Brussels and stood in the way of a progressive industry.

Lord Lyell, for the Opposition.

Mr John Grant, Under Secretary for Employment (Islington, Central, Lab)—Information as to the number of employees dismissed by individual employers is not available to me. The Government's policy on the closed shop remains as outlined by the Secretary of State on April 7.

Mr Gow—Will he not say more than his Poutius Pllate utitude and express the view that these dis-missals are particularly unjustified and unjustifiable? Air Grant—I regret that it has not been possible for these sort of difficulties to be resolved. There is no requirement to nodify these matters to the Government, whether private or public sector, and we would not wish to draw a distinction between them.

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Mr Waiter Johnson (Derby, South, Lab)—For 20 years these peopole have accepted the benefits of trade union representation—(Conservative interjections)—without paying a pency towards it and the democratic decision has been taken by the trade union concerned that the trade union concerned that they will have nothing more to do with these parasites. (Conservative Commission and United Kingtom Government as being detrimental. The requirement to answer 60 or more questions on a minor development of scientific interest or improvement of a substance seemed unduly onerous.

Anything more misleading than variations in warming labels was hard to picture. Scenes came readily to mind, particularly at this time, of large articulated vehicles overturning on roads or leaking loads and of fire and salvage services having to consult an EEC bookiet of one colour or another to find the proper symbol denoting a dangerous substance in order to decide the particular remedy. There would be dangers to humans and animals or to plant life.

Tory interest in Labour's next manifesto

"Mrs Thatcher does not get the date of the general election out of me that way", Mr James Callagnan, the Prima Minister, said at question time when the Leader of the Opposition pressed him to say whether the nationalization proposals command in Labour's Prosals commined in Labour's Programme, 1976, were alive or dead.
Eorlier, Mir Michael Latham (Melton, C) had asked—He should say unequivocably that neither he, nor the Secretary of State for Environment (Mr Peter Shore), have any intended of implementing the helf-baked proposals approved at the Labour Party conference last mouth for the nationalization of large construction companies and the massive expansion of direct labour departments.

Mr Cattaghan—The manifests of the Labour Party will be drawn up in due course. the Labour Party will be drawn up in due course. Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet. Finchley, C)—If he will not reject the nationalization proposals for construction contained in Labour's Programme 1976, he should at least reject the wholesale proposals for nationalization and state direction of the other 31 sectors of industry commined in that programme. Mr Callaghan—My answer remains the same.

the same.

Mrs Thatcher—If his answer remains the same, he should tell us what that answer was. Does he repudiate that programme or fur-

ther it?
Mr Calleghan—I am sorry she did
not hear what I said. I have no
doubt in due course when the manlfesto is published both she and Mr Latham will read it.

Mrs Thatcher—Is that programme alive or dead?

Mr Callaghan—Mrs Thatcher does not get the date of the general election out of me in that way.

Mir George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab)—A multitude of people have over the years lost their jobs simply because they were trade unionists. Would be agree this is still the situation at Grunwick and what is be doing about it? Mr Grant-Much as I sympathize with the tone of his question, the situation of Grunwick does not arise on this question.

arise on this question.

Mr James Prior, chief Opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C)—Nothing does the trade unions more harm than the sort of action taken by British Rallways. Conservative cheers.) Why do the Government not at least bring pressure on employers who enter into union membership agreements which are so restrictive on the rights of existing employees at the time when the union membership agreement is entered into?

into?
Mr Grant—We do not think it right to pressurize employers or trade unions in the way suggested. It would be interesting if we could hear what Conservative policy is because although it is spelt out in The Right Approach, when we listed to Mr Prior he talks about seeking to ensure things. He has not told the country what that policy will be.

consideration

Storm damage aid under

ter have a word with the Secretary of State for Environment (Mr Shore) about the damage caused by the recent gales in the Northwest? A large number of my congituents have suffered heartbreaking damage to their homes.

Mr Collaghan-I received a tele-Mr Callaghan—I received a tele-gram this morning from the mayors of Blackpool. Fyide and Wyre asking for Government financial assistance because of the damage that has been suffered on that coast. I have already asked the Secretary of State to look into this matter.

There is no fund available for these purposes but certain facilities can be made available. When the three mayors have informed me, as they tell me they will, of the additional assistance that will be required, the Government will be ready to look into it. Mr Waiter Clegg (North Fyide, C)—Will be visit the Lancashire coast to see the abject misery under which many of my constitu-ents are suffering? A minister should see the situation. It is dan-gerous still.

gerous still.

Mr Callaghan—I will convey that
to the Secretary of State. The local
authorities have acted with great
speed in this matter. A number of
people have and their homes
flooded ami a great deal of damage
has been done. The House would
sympathize with those who suffered in this way.

Extensive talks on press charter

Mr Harold Walker, Minister of State for Employment, said that at the request of the Secretary of State (Mr Albert Booth) he was engaged in an extensive programme of consultations on the press charter required under the provisions of Trades Union and Labour Relations Act. Mr Jonathan Aifken (Thanet, East,

C)—is it intended to write into this press charter the fundamental right of a journalist to belong to the appropriate union of his choice the appropriate union of his choice or not to belong to a union?

Does he realize that elmost all the press representatives, with the most notable exception of the NUI, who tried to reach an agreement on a voluntary charter for the industry, agreed that this right should be written in? Will he take cognizance of this fact?

Mr Walker (Doncaster, Lab)—I am not quite sure where he gets the authority for the last part of his question. On the first part, it would be most mowise to preempt the outcome in the way he suged I am astonished that Mr

prior, in advance of the outcome of the consultations end before the laying of the charter before the House, should have so firmly committed himself and his party on this. Mr James Prior, chief Opposition

Mr James Frior, char opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C)—Do we take it from that that he does not believe there should be total press freedom to the extent that the fournalist should have the freedom to write what he likes without having to belong to a union? Mr Walker He has declared that

Mr Walker He has declared that he would not support any charter which did not contain the absolute right of journalists not to belong to a trade union. That is a significan shift of ground that he and his party adopted when this was before the House in 1974 and 1976. Although I am anxious to

Although I am auxious to avoid preempting discussions in which I am engaged, I would find it difficult to reconcile what he asks for which provisions of the 1976 Act, which require the charter to contain provisions for the application of trade union membership agreements to journalists.

MP wants visit of former SS men stopped

A visit by former SS men to Britain would be extremely provoc-stive and ought to be banned, Mr. Greville James (Leicester West, Leb) said during questions to the

Prime Minister.

Mr Janner said Mr Callaghan should express to the German Chancellor the revulsion felt in this country at the proposed visit of three former senior SS officars, one of whom was in Hitler's body-guard, to leanth a book designed to whitewash this organization.

The SS (he said) was concerned not only with the killing of British prisoners, but with the setting-up and operation of Hitler's extermination camps. Such a visit would be extremely provocative to hundreds of thousands of people in this country and ought to be beaused.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab)—Like the visit of Mr Begin. (Intercuptions.)

East, Lab)—All this goes to show we must be careful about the comwe must be careful about the com-pany wa keep on all occasions. The record of that particular German division is well known and exceptated. What happens if these gantiemen present themselves at a port of entry is a matter for the immigration surhorities at that time.

Congratulations on royal birth

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, asked at the conclusion of question time whether the Prime Minister would find time today not only to express the congratulations of the Government but also of the House to Princess Anne on the birth of her child.

Mr Callaghan—I should be happy to do so because I am sure that would be the general wish of the House. Whether the child be a commoner or a royal child, the birth of a child to a family is always something over which everybody is delighted.

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I have already conveyed a formal message to Princess Anne on behalf of the Government and I have written to the Queen. I shall be happy to reinforce that. The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said he, too, had sent a telegram of congratulations. (Cheers.)

Mr Rees stands firm on firemen's strike: 'we cannot move outside our guidelines'

When entering phase three of the pay policy the Government must recognize exceptional cases and the need for flexibility, Mr James Silars (South Ayrshire, Scot Lab) said when opening the emergency debate on the grave threat to public safety and the future of the fire service now that the firemen were on strike. on strike.

the said the first time he visited the Houses of Parliament was as a young fireman in the 1960s and as a member of the Fire Erigades Union to lobby MPs on the need to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the fire service. The halimark of the union had always been a concern about the service given by the men on the fire stations to the public.

The fireman more than more The firemen more than most

other groups had suffered grie-vously under repeated wages poli-cies. If the Government continued with their artitude to the firemen, saying "10 per cent and no more", they would find them-selves back in the situation which faced Mr Boward Heath in the autumn and winter of 1973-74.

That was the Marganet Line men-That was the Maginot Line men-tality which invited confrontation. tality which invited confrontation.

It was not as if the Government id not recognize that there were special cases. They had recognized that the police were a special case by the acceptance of a policy inquiry and a forward commitment to what that impury said. The Opposition had declared that they regarded the police as a special case, He did timself. He was going to arrue that the firemen were a

to argue that the firemen were very special case. Firemen were a very special case because of the nature of the job. It was their job to go into buildings, factories and houses to risk their lives when everyone else was trying to get out to save their lives. There were lots of things that were kept private within fire stations. Firemen did not normally talk to the public or MPs about the horrors they had to deak with.

An example from his own know-ledge of the fire service concerned a car crash. A girl was trapped in the back seat. The car caught fire but the firemen could not get at her. They had to try and get at her while she screamed her way to an horrific death.

One of the firemen had told him that when he went to sleep be had nightmares about having to attend another incident of that kind. another incident of that kind.

It took a fremendous amount of guts and commitment to engage in fire fighting. Imagine a fire in a basement where all the smoke and heat had not been allowed to escapt pecause there was no ventiation. It was often like stepping into the jaws of hell for a fireman going down into a casement to take the seat of the fire.

Where we reserve there was no take the seat of the fire.

mckle the seat of the fire.

When Mr Rees appeared on television he asked the highly emotive question—would the firemen let women and children yaru? Would Mr Rees let women and children burn? There was a moral commitment on the firemen but there was also a moral commitment on the Government and on the problem. Government and on the public.

No ont could say that firemen were impatient or cultous. This was ever and it was the wish of every the first national strike of firemen firemen that it was the last national strike of firemen. Mr Rees asked would the firemen stend y and watch people burn. He was answered at Poplar and Straticityde. The answer was "no". They would not stand by and watch people burn.

There was an important guestion.

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There was an important question concerning firemen pickets who went into buildings to sav alives and who might themselves he killed or injurid because some of them were goong in without the normal protective closings and equipment. Woud they be covered under the firemen's pension fund if they were killed or injured doing that?

The fault for this strike lay clearly with the Government. If the Government and society indisted that firemen heeded the needs of society them society and this Government must heed the need of the firemen.

the firemen.

while the Government could put their view on the pay policy firmly, as legitimatily they must, there was room for negotiation. Firemen did not get paid on Saturdays and Sundays. They were normal working days. There was the possibility of a working party, similar to that for the police.

Physic was many sature in which

Phere were many ways in which, with the application of flexibility, the problems could be overcome. The Government would be deluded to believe that a bardline attitude to the firemen was going to be victorious for the pay policy. be believe that a hardline attitude to the firemen was going to be victorious for the pay policy.

The Government should show advance, it does not put another

some senst, based on flexibility and fairness. Mr Meriun Rees, Home Secretary (Leeds, South, Lab) said the pat-tern today seemed to be the same as yesterday. There were fewer calls than usual. Whether that was because peopl ewere taking more preventive action was too early to

number-and in some of the urban rember—and in some of the urban areas for too many and an unusually high number—of hoax calls. In one area a third of the calls were hoaxes. It was a criminal offence and steps were being taken to see that they would be brought before the courts.

There had been some doubte in the courts. There had been two deaths in England and Walts—one was at Type and Wear and one in Cornwall. He was advised that judging from the circumstances it was likely that they would have occurred under normal circumstances.

occurred under normal circumstances.

The strike seemed to remain widespread. The majority of retained stations in the rural areas had reported being available to respond to calls, but in some cases were restricting their attendance to calls in their own areas.

A fireman on strike did not cease to be a member of a brigade so that the provisions of the firemen's pension scheme about members of brigades killed or injured on duty would still apply. He had no wish to break the negotiating procedures that took place on the national joont comcil. Negotiations were the way in which to seathe the dispute.

The claim by the firemen was well outside the Government's guidelines.

well outside the tover these about delibes.

We are (he said) talking about 31 per cent. We are not talking about something just over the 10 per cens, or a flexibility of that kind, but of 31 per cent—now.

There were three sides to the offer on pay: an immediate 10 per cent; a bench mark; and the negotiations on hours. There was now also a different background to pay settlements compared with earlier ones. Interest rates were falling and so was the rate of inflation.

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When people spokes of special cases it must be recognized that there were a number of people in industry who could also put forward a special case for settlements outside the guidelines.

I must make it clear, as I did with the police negotiations (he said), that as of now the 10 per cent is important. We cannot move outside our guidelines. outside our guidelines.

Mrs Barbara Castle (Blackburn,
Lab)—If the firemen are not going
to feel that they will be fobbed off
once again, could he not say that
the Government recognize the need
for there to be a formula and say
categorically that the Government
will accept the formula that comes
out of the negotiations in the NIC
and will phase it in under pay
policy in the same way that it is
going to do for other groups such
as the police?

Are Rees—There have been no

Mr Rees There have been no commitments on phasing with any-body else and I cannot do it for the The discussions on the formula were in the NJC, on which the Government were not represented. Government were not represented.

The Government had made clear that negotiations should begin on the reduction in hours to 42 hours following the feasibility study. He regarded that as flexibility, it was one of the most important things that the unions had wanted for years and it had been put to him at the Fire Brigade Union conference earlier this year.

There was no other group of workers in a similar position where a reduction in working hours was being negotiated.

Mr Lesile Spriggs (St Heiens, Lab)—I would ask him to give the members of the fire brigade their proper status. These are highly qualified technicians.

Every day of the year there are new toxic substances and pol-sonous gases being produced which these men are called to deal with, hourly and daily through the year. nourly and daily through the year.

If such men are prepared to give
the nation this service, why not
give them the proper status? First
give them the average skilled
worker's rate then let them negotiate the 10 per cent and then the
42 hours. (There was, clapping
from people in the public gallery.) Mr Rees—Of course there is a need to do something about firemen's pay and something has been offered on the reduction to 42 hours for discussion in the proper place—the N.JC.

penny into the pocket of the fire-men. Another 5,000 people are to be recruited to make up the hours. Would he consider a reduction to 42 hours plus overtime which would put more money into their Mr Rees—A reduction in hours has been a major part of policy for the firemen's union for many years,

Mr William Whitelaw, Opposition Mr William Whitelaw, Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Penrith and the Border, C) said as the nation faced the first firemen's strake it was important to make the position of the Opposition clear. They expected the Government to ensure that the local authorities continued in the National Joint Council to seek a negotiated settlement. They would not give any ment. They would not give any encouragement to the firemen to believe they could gain a remedy for their grievances on pay, however strongly felt, through strike action.

The Opposition would support the Government in taking any measures necessary for the protection of the public during this emergency situation. This was the duty of a responsible Opposition in the interests of the whole nation.

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It contrasts strongly (he said) with the behaviour of the Labour Opposition in 1974.

There must be other MPs who like him looked back over 20 years and remembered all the different methods in efforts to curb wage inflation, some statutory and some voluntary. Unfortunately, under successive governments, these had left those people in the public service responsible for the maintenance of society and the safety of citizens, like the armed services, police and firemen, with their position lower in relation to flair earnings. These particular groups faced special dangers and responsibilities in their work.

We in this House (he said), wherever we sit, will fall in our duty to our people if we allow this paracular process to continue. Frankly, the Government's shifting position, with the 10 per cent guidelines as an upper limit at one moment, and an average at another, cannot hope to provide a basis for fair and senable negotiations.

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I hope as we now embark on what the Government describe as an orderly return to free collective hargaining we shall all consider what different strangements should be made for determining the pay and conditions of such groups in future.

It would be the height of absurding if taxpayers support overmaning in one part of the economy, such as British Steel, and fall to provide the money necessary to prevent undermanning in vital and dangerous sections of our community.

Problems arose where various

Problems grose where various fire authorities had closed shop agreements with the Fire Brigades Union. Some firemen might feel

agreements with the Firs Singulars Union. Some firemen might feel they were in conscience bound to go to fires where there were particular dangers to life. Phey would all appland the action of firemen at Poplar fire station who left their picket lines to help at a fire at St Andrews Hospital, Bow. (Cheers.) There were those firemen who had conscientious objections to going on strike when the safety of the public was at risk, and wished to remain at work. to remain at work.

The public (he went on) would consider it utterly deployable if such men were to ye victimized at the end of the strike. What action is Mr Res taking to ensure where closed shop agreements are in forts, there will be safeguards against losing their jobs for men who feel obliged to work in certain The Covernment could rely on

Opposition so long as the strike the constructive appl

Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Wal-ton, Lab) said that once again the pay policy had intervened and a group of workers, because of their special circumstances, because they had not used their muscle and because they had a social con-science, had been left behind. science, had been left behind.

We have a duty and responsibility (he said) to help such sections of workers precisely because we do not want them to so on strike. We trade on the social conscience of the police and the firemen, and it is not right.

If the Government thought the public were going to turn against the firemen they were wrong. People knew they had a just case. Mr Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, C) said that Parliament had to make a secial category for those engaged in the protection of the realm and the protection of public safety. There were certain

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomery-shire, L) said that no section could be treated as a special caregory. If

be treated as a special category. If the Government gave way to the firemen the Government were doomed. The basis of the present discontent was inflation. If the Government gave way to special categories inflation would con-

If the Government negotiated an agreement which effectively destroyed their battle against inflation then the arrangement with the Liberals was at an end. Liberals was at an end.

Mr Nell Kinnock (.BEDWELLTY, Lab) said there had to be something for the firemen above the 10 per cent. How much more was a matter for negotiation. The guidelines must not bt a straitjacket for the Government; they must be negotiable. It would not open the flood gates. Holding the dam could be more dangerous than the flood. He was not calling for a sell-out, nor were the firemen. Permission must be given to the NJC to promote realistic negotiations.

Sir Anthony Meyer (West Flint, C)

Sir Anthony Meyer (West Flint, C) said that those firemen who were working had not managed to extract any undertaking that they would be protected or helped against any victimization after the strike was over. They had no guarantee that they would be able to keep their jobs.

He belitved that the firemen had a strong claim, but the Home Secretary should make a statement of support for those ready to answer calls.

Mr. Bennie Skinner (Bolsover Sir Anthony Meyer (West Flint, C)

answer calls.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said the sooner that the Labour Government disposed of their rigid attitude on incomes policy, increased the purchasing power of the people, got rid of that human pile of misery, the dole queue, the better, because they were not goong to be elected on a policy of union hashing.

Fine Government were going to be reelected on the basis of appealing to people like the firemen who had diligently supported the trade union movement through thick and thin.

thin.

There had been eight incomes policies in the last 12 years and every time the same people at the bottom end of the scale when the incomes policies were introduced were at the bottom end when they finished. Pensioners and the rost got nothing out of them.

Mr Douglas Henderson (East Aberdeenshire, Scot Nat) said there were many ways for people in the privatt sector to supplement their income but for most of those employed by the state, such as the firemen, there was no opportunity for shift allowances, overtime and productivity payments. That was the sort of unfairness that was brought home to people employed in the public sector.

Wr Patrick Maynew (Royal Tun-Mr Douglas Henderson (East Aber-

in the public sector.
Mir Patrick Maybew (Royal Tunbridge Wells. C) said the soldiers lacked experience, which was understandable, but also they lacked equipment, such as turntable indicates of more than 40% in height, modern tenders, and breathing apparatus. All that was sitting in the fire stations and Mr Rees was not allowing it to be used. not allowing it to be used.

not allowing it to be used.

Me Merlyn Rees said that at this pitch of development, as they moved out of phase one and two, their strong view was that the 10-per cent policy was right. That was what they were sticking to.

The bench mark, be went on, was something for the negotiating procedure. It was snot new but had been goong on in the course of the year. There could be no question of any commitment as to how, once the bench mark was arrived at it was not a question of him gaying that he accepted it. But the Government would look at it

It was not a question of nime saying that he accepted it. But the Government would look at it favourably. He could go no further than that. It was a matter for negotiations.

There was no sense in which he wanted to see the fire service driven back to work and the Fire Brigades Union humiliated. He wanted to see the negotiating machinery used. The best place to talk was in the negotiating machinery used the negotiating machinery that had been built up over the years. He wante do see that developed in the weeks ahead.

The motion for the adjournment was rejected by 21 tvotes to 58—Government majority, 153.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons Today at 2,30: Timetable motions on Scotland and on Wales Bills. House of Lords

MPs told not to act as censors on South Africa

European Parliament Strasbourg
The Belgian Foreign Minister and The Belgian Foreign Minister and a Danish member of the European Progressive Democrats warned against the EEC setting up as judges in a debate on apartheld in South Africa. The debate followed a rejection of the suggestion by the Socialist Group for an emergency debate or a motion condemning debate on a motion condemning the recent actions of the South African Government. Several MPs, however, did con-

demn those actions and Herr Ludwig Pellermaier, leader of the Socialist Group, likened these actions to the actions of the SS in cooperation and actions of the South African Government against opponents of apartheid, M Henri Simonet, Belgian Foreign Minister and President of the Council of Ministers, said that Africa and South Africa bad presults been South Africa had recently been assuming more and more importance in the foreign ministers meetings on political cooperation.

We believe that the apartheid policy is fatal for everybody in South Africa (he said) because that policy is incompatible with

was mass murder and oppression? African Government pretends to defend and support.

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Messer Council of Foreign inter Herr Feliermaier (West Germany, Soc) asked what measures had been taken by individual member states and the Council of Foreign Ministers to protest against recent actions of the South African Government in restricting the rights of opponents to apartheid. We Germans (he said) know what racism can mean. We have suffered and know what damage suffered and know what damage can be done and trouble caused if people of different colours and religious are treated in different The events of the last few weeks in South Africa remind us of the racial SS dictatorship in Nurem-

racial SS dictatorship in Nuremberg. There may be differences here and there but the source is universally the same. It is a case of taking no notice of fundamental human rights.

Mr Alfred Bertrand (Belgium, C-D) said they rejected aparticled out

Lord Reay (C) said that they had all been distressed and horrified by last month's actions by the South African Government. There was a situation of dangerous polarization there. They could not ignore recent events, nor ignore it if nothing happened to change the apartheid policy.

It was right to exercise pressure to get a change of policy, rather than use economic sanctions, thus starting on a course which would even further isolate South Africa.

A lot of employment in Britain depended on trade with South Africa.

Mr Uwe Jensen (Denmark, DEP)

Absent MPs

Questions to the Council of Ministers, for which 90 minutes were allocated, took less than 30 minutes with several MPs who were due to ask questions being The President of the Parliament Sgr Emilio Colombo, regretted the absence of so many MPs and Mr allowed them to come to Stras-

was achieved.
Yesterday's motion in equality
of treatment for men and women
was agreed to without amendment.

John Prescott (Kingston-upon-Hull, East, Lab) said that several of his colleagues were unable to be present because Conservative MPs had broken pairs which would have bourg. Mr John Osborn (Sheffield, Hallam, C) denied that there had been

Praise for German stand on terrorists

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There were plenty of instruments to combat terrorism. It was the will to grasp and use those instruments, having ratified them, which was needed. Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke (Darwen, C) said.

He moved a resolution condemning unconditionally all acts of terrorism and calling on all member governments of the EEC fully to use European and Community political cooperation machinery.

agreements so as effectively to suppress terrorism. He said that terrorism sought to drive the democratic state into a suppress terrorism. He said that terrorism must be so drive the democratic state into a said that cooperation between the Nine against terrorism must be so close that their people felt safe. The Socialist Group felt that the Community had never before faced a threat of this kind.

Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer (Netherlands, L) said that terrorists were glorified in some spheres as governments of the EEC fully to use European and Community political cooperation machinery.

The motion also called on governments of member states to give ermments of member states to give effect to existing international mail, but to stand up for civilizations at the extended shows that it at threat of this kind. Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer (Netherlands, L) said that terrorists were glorified in some spheres as friends of freedom. Western civilizations of the existing international mail, but to stand up for civilizations of the existing international mail, but to stand up for civilizations as the German and Community political cooperation machinery.

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full-hearted consent as could be achieved.

The Secretary of State for Scotland had been unable to explain what would be the function of Scottish MPs and the position of the House, with 71 MPs coming from a part of the United Kingdom where responsibility for a whole range of legislation was borne by elected representatives elsewhere. elected representatives elsewhere.

The fact that that question had never been able to be answered was the evidence that the House was in this legislation attempting to do something which ram contrary to a principle established by common sense, experience and by endless debate. That was, that it was not possible within a unitary parliamentary state to devolve widespread legislative authority to an elected assembly in a part of that state, unless that state was to that state, unless that state was to be resolved into a federation.

be resolved note a federation.

The supreme interest of the Ulster Unionists was in the maintenance of the unity of the United Kingdom for they did not claim to be a nation, they claimed to be a province of this nation. The Ulster Unionists, of all who came to the House, had a vested interest, perhaps greater than any, in the preservation of the parliamentary unit. unit.
It was because they believed the parliamentary unit would inevitably be first eroded and then destroyed if such a measure as the Scotland Bill were to be forced into operation that they would, as in the last session, vote against the Bill at every stage until it was destroyed.

Mr Norman Buchan (West Ren-frewshire, Lab) said a rejection of the devolution proposal must not take place in the House. It had passed from the House; it must be

this Bell were better than in the previous Bill. There was a reduction of the powers of the Government to override the assembly, and there was a clear restriction to non-devolved areas.

Comfortable majorities on Scotland Bill

non-devolved areas.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, Scot Nat) said his party regarded the Bill as a first step along the road to self-government, and the Scottish people would regard it as a first step to obtaining national justice for Scotland. The union may have started out as a partnership but for the lass 70 years or so they had found that Scotland, far from being a pertner, Scotland, far from being a partner, had more and more been regarded as a region or province. His party objected to the smug assurance that this House was a norm of good government and economic management. If there were any arguments in favour of that they had been demolished by the reduction in the standards of the Scotlish people over the years.

i'sh people over the years.

If it was worrying to MPs that
Scots MPs would, in the post devolution situation, be able to vote on English matters, his party would willingly support an amendment seeking to prevent Scots MPs from so interfering in the affairs of Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said that under the Bill there was not the remotest chance of a settlement of a lasting nature between Scotland and England. The Bill was a stepping-stone to further changes. It was not a stable resting-place even for five or 10 years let alone conductes. The measure had no hope of lasting.

For how long would English constituencies and MPs tolerate 119 members—Scots, Welsh and Ulster—exercising an important Mr Robin Cook (Edinburgh, majority, 39.

The Scotland Bill was read a second time by 307 voxes to 253—
Government majority, 48, at the end of Monday's debate. The Opposition amendment declining to give the Bill a second reading and calling for the establishment of a constitutional conference was rejected by 313 voxes to 265—
Government majority, 48.

During the later stages of the debate,

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UU) said these were changes of the kind which if they were to be made at all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be an all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be at all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be act all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be act all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be act all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be act all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be act all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be act all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be act all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be act all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be act all should be made with as near fill-hearted consent as could be actived.

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Mr James Sillars (South Ayrshire, Scot Lab) said that Scotland needed an assembly and government with economic power and a share in the oil revenues. The Bill denied the assembly the right and the means to reverse the catastrophic trends which had been so obvious a feature of Scotlish economic performance since the early 1960s. The only hope for Scotland was economic selfmanagement.

It was the electoral prospects of the Labour Party and the shabby

the Labour Party and the shabby deals in the corridors of the Commons which had determined the character, role and powers of the assembly. Scotland was not being treated as a nation but as a political frefdom to be manipulated to extract a tribute of seats towards a Labour majority in the next Parliament. Mr Alick Buchavan-Smith (North

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (North Angus and Mezrus, C) said the Bill was better than the last with more of the elements of a federal structure in terms of devolution of powers. In that respect it was a step in the right direction. He supported it could be improved in committee. He supported the second reading.

To his own front beach he said that paying lip service to devolu-

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walron, Lab) said that there was no
enthusiasm for the Bill in the
House or in the country. Apart
from the SNP nobody wanted it.
The Bill was highly dangerous
because it was highly dangerous
because it was the first step
towards breaking up the United
Kingdom. Its central flaw was the
role of MPs from outside England.
He had been defeated at least three
times on the issue in the party's
national executive. He would contimes on the issue in the party's national executive. He would continue to oppose devolution, but did not know if he was going to vote for the Bill.

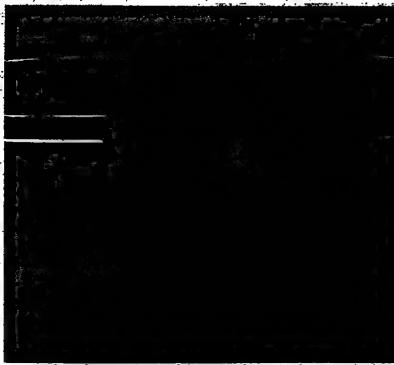
Mr Leo Abse (Pontypool, Lab) asked how Mr Heffer expected to have credibility in a referendum campaign against the Bill if in the end he supported its principle. Mr Heffer said some Labour MPs believed in their party and accepted its manifesto. Credibility meant loyalty to the party and the movement. It was his responsibil-

movement. It was his responsibility to help sustain the Government, at the same time urging them to change their view.

Mr Edward Taylor, Opposition spokesman on Scotland (Glasgow, Cathcart, C) said that there had hardly been any enthusiasm for the Bill during the debate. MPs had not heard that the Bill would do good or help the constitution, but that it would be a campult to independence.

and would not be incred up with a general election campaign.
Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (North Laparkshire, Lab) said there was a need to decentralize decision-making and increase accountability in Scratiand and Wales Re recogniz-

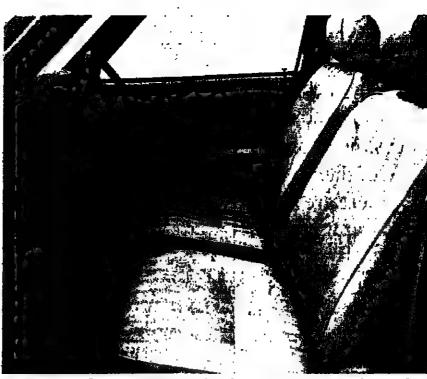
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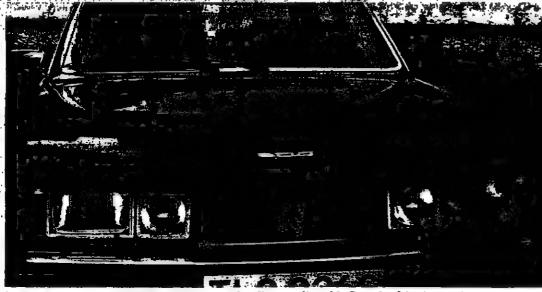
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Northern Ireland: the tumbling statistics in bandit country

One bright Sunday morning recently the band of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment marched through the tough lit-ule border village of Forkill, de border village of Forkill, and the local population followed it. They followed it more out of amazement than menace, while the band thumped and puffed its way to the perimeter of the embattled Forkill camp and played for men of the QLR's B Company in the thin autumn sunshine. That may not sound much. But it was the first time it had happened since the troubles began, and is being seen as further evidence of Northern Ireland's slow painful return

from the abyss.

Now for the bad news. There are still two IRA Active Service Units (ASUs) operating out of the republic in the bandit country of South Armagh. Their capacity to inflict brutal injury was also exemplified recently when a soldier was blinded by a bomb. Another blinded by a bomb. Another bomb outside St Joseph's School on the outskirts of Crossmaglen blew out 35 place

crossmaguen blew out 55 plate glass windows when it was detonated by the army.

But even in Crossmaglen where shopkeepers still decline to serve soldiers for fear of their lives, or their livelihood, there are signs of war weariness, reflected in the newsletter written to his patishoners by the Catholic priest after the St Joseph's School bomb. "Terrorism is evil at all times , he wrote, but when those engaged in it put at serious risk the lives of innocent children and the pubinnocent children and the public it is time that all of us voice our protests." People in Crossmaglen were also upset by the murder last August of Willie Martin, aged 64, who was dubbed an informer by the Provisionals and who left a crippled widow.

Both the Army and the police are anxious to avoid sounding over optimistic, partly because completency could all because compracancy count at too easily be exposed—and partly because the gummen might view it as a challenge. But privately they are as happy as can be expected with the progress now being made. The total number of deaths for the first mine months of this year in Northern Ireland was 99, a huge drop from the 235 during the same period last year. Civilian casualities during June and August were the lowest since early 1971 and September was the first month since June 1971 in which no civilians died at all—though the patern has not been sustained since. Explosions in the patern ware were more than six counties were more than halved from 518 to 230 and the number of shooting incidents was down by a third from 1,465 to 954.

beries from 24 to only three. The amount of money taken was also less, £388,200 against £475,000—and the police have recovered £250,000. Meanwhile, the number of people charged in the courts has continued to rise. The first nine months this year showed a total of 1,047 against 922 in 1976. These against \$22 in 1970. Iness figures also conceal a rise from 156 to 225 for the numbers charged with murder and attempted murder—and some of the crimes which are now being brought before the courts go back to 1970.

Altogether more than 7,500 weapons, over 900,000 rounds

Even in Crossmaglen where shopkeepers decline to serve soldiers for fear of their lives there are signs of war weariness?

of ammunition and 116 tons of explosives have been seized by the security forces since Operation Motorman in July, 1972, when the army entered the nogo" areas of Ulster and began to exercise control over a situation which had seemed in danger of slipping

IRA has launched in Ulster's population centres, has some ironic compensations—reflectpropriation centres, has some ironic compensations—reflect-ing as it does the increasing difficulty experienced by the terrorists in getting hold of

It would be foolish to exag-gerate the extent of the attri-tion. Although the reorganized, much-improved RUC has recently closed 16 illegal drinking clubs—a traditional source of IRA income, the Provi-sionals still exert a Mafia-like sionals still exert a Malia-like grip on areas of West Belfast. Their tighter cellular structure, developed over the past year or two, enables several "Godfathers" to lead apparently blameless lives at home while still controlling operations.

There are an estimated 200 active gummen still operating in and around the North. These include a large number of young, inexperienced boys, according to intelligence sources. But they are still capable of indiscriminate attacks against "soft" targets, and there are still enough experienced bardliners to direct there are still enough experi-enced bard-liners to direct them. Moreover, while the store of explosives is thought to be depleted, the Provisionals still have plenty of firearms, and money to buy more— although their financial resources too are thought to be Even in this almost mystical land of South Armagh people are talking about the end of the troubles. This may be presented in the process. mature. But enough progress has been made for the police to ease their way back into the front line under Mr Roy Mason's policy of The Way Ahead, and for political feelers to be tentatively extended. There is even talk of a further reduction in the Army presence from its current 14,500 in the

With the firemen's strike to complicate matters, this week time to make any optimistic prognosis. But the progress so far made in Ulster's slow re-

> Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

An analysis of voting patterns and how they affect the parties

The dangerous game of waiting for better times to spring a general election

eased seems on the latest poll findings to be paying hand-some dividends. The parties are now even in respect of vot-ing intentions which would have been inconceivable six months ago. Is a February election now more likely or even more advisable for

Such questions tend to be answered by further references to the latest polls, or by extrapolation into the future of trends over the past three months. Polling figures are undoubtedly illuminating. But what they provide is a description of intentions and feelings at particular points in time. There is no guarantee that these will persist, particularly if the issues affecting them.

change.

A crucial question is what issues will predominate in the next election campaign and how will they affect voting? Here the poll figures are uninformative. One may infer from the negative reactions of many electors to comprehen-sive education that this issue will be important. However most electors expressing these views would probably have voted Conservative anyway, so the net effects of that issue on In trying to explain and pre-dict election outcomes we are dealing with three types of elector. The first is the loyalist who will stick with his party

changes we need to concentrate changes we need to concentrate not on the loyalists but on electors who switch their votes under the influence of new issues. Since every policy-stand will attract some electors to a party while repelling others, we need also to distinguish reci-

(which leave the overall result unchanged) from the net gains and losses of support which are the immediate determinants of the election outcome. Typically these unbalanced net inflows come not from supporters of the other major party but from non-voter and parties.

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In work supported by the Social Science Research Council over the past few years we have been trying to produce estimates of the net gains and losses to the major parties associated with different issues. This has involved grouping specific campaign issues into 14 broad types like civil order, constitutional, regional, and socioeconomic redistribution.

With each of these types we

socioeconomic redistribution.

With each of these types we have associated either "small", "medium" or "large" effects—for example issues related to foreign affairs generally seem too remote from the average elector to produce more than small net gains in support. With each type we have also made a judgment about which party the issues are likely to favour, on the assumption that electors dislike proposals for change unless they can see immediate personel benefits accruing from them.

Issues involving socio-eco-nomic redistribution are a case in point, where the impact is large and favours Labour. Most other types of issue favour the Conservatives. Some of course have no fixed effects—the Government record obviously depends as an issue both in magnitude and direction on what the Government has done; similarly with foreign affairs and the impact of candidates.

In acting up these issue types and assessing their impact we have drawn heavily on accounts by historians and political commentators. Discussions of elections always have

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ative these.

We can tell whether our judgments are plausible by classifying issues for each of the post-war elections into our types, assigning directions and magnitudes to them, and seeing whether increasing issue advantages for each of the (and vice versa). They are, very clearly: moreover they are associated in the same way for both Labour and Conserva-

Weish Devolution

From this comparison we can also see what precise net percentage gain is associated with the transition from "small" to "medium" and "medium" to "large" impacts. The gain in both cases is about 1 per cent. Since we can thus assess what percentage of a major party's vote in a particular election was due to the net impact of the salient issues in the campaign, we can add or subtract this from its actual vote to give the "basic vote" it could expect to receive in the absence

of net gains or losses from issues. This is about 41 per cent of voters for both Labour and

Medium '+Con.

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doubt that relationships which have held throughout the post-war period will also hold for the next election. If we can correctly anticipate the issues that will be central in a February election, we can on the basis of our previous work sum up the net grins or losses of voters which will accrue to the major parties. Knowing also that their basic vote. It per cent we can add such grins or losses to this to get an estimate of the this to get an estimate of the February votes in advance.
The details of this exercise are shown in the table. First come the issues which are likely to affect voters most crucially in a February election. Hardly anyone would deny that the Government will be held accountable for the effects of the economic crisis of the last three years: these constitute the negative aspects of the Government record whose large impact (3 per cent net from Labour) is partly counterbalanced by the I per cent

the rate of inflation.

The increasing prominence of Mr Callaghan in his role as Prime Minister should exert a positive net pull to Labour which is unlikely to be matched for the Conservatives by Mrs. Thanher. Inevitably, however, strikes and industrial unrest will alienate limited numbers from Labour.

The Conservatives should gain—again to a limited extent—from their persistent stress on removing the barriers to individual mitiative. More voters will probably be attracted—after a renewed debatter. devolution—to the party which stands clearly for the present constitution in the face of Labour's more ambiguous posi-Political circumstances can

always change rapidly. Law and order (favouring the Conservatives heavily), could emerge as trajor theme if persistent and spectacular demonstrations recur along with disorderly strikes. In this sense our estimates for the election are like mates for the election are like economic forecasting — valid only for the circumstances which could be taken into account when they were made. If we are correct in typing the important issues however, Labour would suffer a net loss of 1 per cent from its "basic vote" of 41 per cent, giving it a final figure of 40 per cent of votes cast; and the Conservatives would gain 3 per cent net over and above their basic vote of 41 per cent, giving them a final result of 44 per cent of votes cast. votes cast.

This estimate allows for a Liberal vote of some 10 per cent. If against current expectations it went up to 16-17 per cent, this would depress the Labour vote by about 2 per cent

estimates of the party gap given in current polls, but cautions against anticipating that the real decline in Conservative support will continue. A continued decline in terms of voting intentions may certainly appear in polls over the next few months, but such intentions are recorded for many people who will not turn out to vote as well as for those who will. The impact of issues on differential turnout is on the other hand brought into account in our estimates

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The substantive implication of these is that Mr Callaghan's best policy is still to hold off the election for as long as possible. It is above all the association between austerity and the Government's term of office, which weighs Labour down. This is not simply through its direct effects but also by pra-venting a credible appeal in terms of enhanced social wel-fare and income redistribution. Given a run of economic Labour's these matters could to some extent be refurbished by the autumn. It would be daugerous however to rely on six months better times outweighing the previous record by February, as the election of 1970 demon-

Whatever tactical gains are made by Mr Callaghan during the coming Parliamentary year, Mrs Thatcher still holds the dominant strategic position under currently foresseable cir-

Ian Budge and Dennis Fairlie authors' book Voting

and Party Competition was published recently by John Wiley & Son, £16.75. Ian Budge is Professor of Government at the University of Essex, and Dr Fairlie is with the university's Description of Mathematics. Department of Mathematics.

Bernard Levin

This 15-second indictment of Soviet tyranny

I saw the BEC television programme The Orlow Defence at the weekend, and an uncommonly impressive and important programme it was. Impressive because of the skill and effectiveness with which it had been made, by Roger Mills and Mark Anderson; important because at the heart of it there is an extraordinary new development in the struggle of the Soviet dissidents and the efforts being made ourside to help them. made outside to help them. Professor Yuri Ordov is a Soviet physicist of distinction. He was the Chairman of the

group which, with spic heroism, did exactly what the thile suggests; they collected evidence as to how the Soviet Union was keeping the parts of the Heisinki document relating to such masters as freedom of move-ment and the reuniting of diviment and the reuniting of divi-ded families. Obviously, the Soviet Union was not keeping these parts of the agreement, and had never had any inten-tion of doing so; it needed no Orlov Group so demonstrate that. But the value of the com-mittee's work lay in the scien-ific way it went about gather-ing, collating and disseminating the evidence; not even the Chronicle of Current Events did the work so systematically. did the work so systemsucally.
The Monitoring Group
assembled details of 19 cases in which the Helsinki Agreement had been violated; they in-cluded instances previously un-known in the West 28 well as such familiar and tragic ex-

The battle of

about Arnhem

Tinkering with the truth, no matter how skilfully you do it, is a risky business and Sir Richard Attendorough learns that lesson when his film about the batrle of Arnhem, A Bridge Too Far, opened a few months

Irate Army brasshars and

medical experts wrote letters to

The Times alleging distortions

and downright lies, all of which

left Sir Richard with another

He tackled the hostile forces

in a characteristically disarming way, I thought, by insisting that the intentions of all those in-

volved in the making of the film were honourable. Where-

upon, the assaults ceased. The

public is proving less analytical

by registering its approbation at the box office.

most valid criticisms made

against the film is that it under-

estimated or even completely

ignored, the contribution made by the Royal Army Medical Corps during the helish events at Arnhem, Colonel Graeme Warrack was assistant director

of medical services with the 1st Airborne Division, and his letter to The Times was both a

spirited and moving attempt to give his men some of the credit

the film demed them. He main-tained that, far from being the spent force as the film sug-gested, the RAMC was there

right through to the bitter end.

By all accounts, one of the

battle on his hands.

the truth

hansky, the child trapped in the Soviet Union because his mother dared first to resist, and then to tell the cruth about, the abuse of psychiatry for political ends in that country.

in prison ever since, and it may be worth adding that the prison in which he is held, the Lefor-tovo, is known to be one of the most brutal places of detention in the Soviet Union epart from the concentration camps and of in the Soviet Union epert from the concentration camps and of course the political mental hospitals. (Vladimir Bukovsky, who appeared on the programme, spent years in it, and there was one wonderfully touching moment in his testimony, when h was trying to describe, in speaking of the starvation rations the prisoners receive, some revolting and nutritionless green thing they watery soup. Someone, as he watery soup. Someone, as he sought for the word, tried to help, by suggesting brussels sprouts, and Bukovsky shrieked with indignation. "Oh, no", he said "brussels towarts are with indispation. "Oh, no", he said, "brussels sprouts are delicious." The thought of a green vegetable beside which cluded instances previously un-known in the West as well as brought home in a striking such familiar and tragic ex-amples as that of Misha Voik-prison life for political immates.)

They knew, they must have known, how it would end. One after another the members of the group were arrested (it cannot be stressed too much or too often that they were doing nothing against Soviet law, let alone against what might be the law in a civilized country), and finally, in February this year, Professor Orlow was seized; he has been field intomysaicado in prison ever since, and it may Soviet Union, and is now help-ing to coordinate the defence of Professor Orlov.

It is in the nature of the defence that there lies the extraordinary development in the dissident movement in the Soviet Union, When Professor Orlov was arrested, his wife managed to put through a tele-phone-call to London; the KGB pisone-call to London; the KGB cut her off after only 15 seconds, but those 15 seconds were to have an effect far beyond their span and even their content. For in that brief moment, Mrs Oriova asked for her husband's defence to be undertaken by a British QC, Mr John Macdonald, and Mr Macdonald, who was the chief figure in the television programme, has been working on the case ever since. (Indeed, for some months, it seems, he was doing so virtually full-time, presumably to the peril of his practice and undoubtedly to that of his bank-account, for athough funds have been collected for



the defence, his normal fee can comminly not be met out of went about preparing the case as he would with any other client, though with the unique difference that he was acting on behalf of a man he was acting on behalf of a man he had never set eyes on. (Nor, of course, was he allowed to; his request for a visa was refused.) The first thing to do, neturally, was to examine the particular Soviet and undoubtedly to that of his bank-account, for although funds have been collected for as examine the particular Soviet laws that were relevant to the case; the second was to collected with the first task was hardly made easier by the fact that Professor Orlov had not been charged with any

Union, focused through the Union, focused through the preparations in London for the Professor's defence, began to build up. Professor Orlov was then accused of "making statements known to be febrications, which defence the Society which defeme the Soviet Union". And the admirable Mr Macdoneld discovered that under Soviet Lan it is a de-fence to such a charge to show that the statements complained of were true, and that the de-fendant accused of making them believed them to be true. From Moscow, the defence had the report of the Helsinki Monitoring Group itself, con-taining detailed and incon-

trivertible evidence. Outside, an army of escaped, exchanged or expedied dissidents was ready to testify. If the rulens of the Soviet Union do not now brent their own law, she will be put on trial within her own borders. Of course, they will break their law; they have already done in keeping Professor Oriov in custody without trial for more than nine months, and elso by failing to take evidence from the 17 Soviet witnesses who are ready to testify there who are ready to usuffy there for the defence, and whose names and addresses were sent from London to the legal authorities in charge of the Orloy case. But there seems no transmission article there was no contract the sent authorities of the Orloy case. But there seems no contract in article there was no contract in article there. Oriov case. But there seems no way mow in which they can break their law in trying Professor Oriov without breaking it publicly, in a way which will make it clear even to the most slavish followers of detente among Western governments

ther the Helsinki Agroement is not being kept.

The comprehensive way in which Mr Macdonald and his team have gone about thei work was well demonstated by the press conference they held at which a number of dissiders now in the West summaried the evidence to be used by he defence. It was ceratinly the biggest such gathering wer biggest such gathering wer assembled; the very names were a recitation of the Rdl of Honour; Bukovsky, Plyushch, Yoikhanskaya, Gorbanevskaya, Levitin-Krasnov, Alexeyva, Amalrik, One by one, bey spoke of their experience of Soviet repression, as Mr Macdonald, displaying that pasmacdonaid, displaying that pas-sionate detachment that chirac-terizes the English lawys at his best, marshalled his wit-nesses and led their evidence. Such a display in a sovier courtroom would, of course, have the effect of a psychologi-cal H-bomb; such a display will, of course, not he negurited in of course, not be permitted in a Soviet courtroom, and the 17 courageous witnesses who are standing by in the Soviet Union to give just such evidence on their own account will not be allowed to do so. So much Mr Macdonald, and they, and the witnesses in London, naturally expected. But that is less inportant than the fact that the Orlov Defence is now likely to be, one way or another, the most formidable indictment of Soviet tyramy mounted since the modern dissident move-ment began. Mrs Orlov's 15-second telephone-call was certainly worth what it cost. C Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

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Test of taste at the V & A.

THE TIMES DIARY/ PHS

How much is that in our

art are juxtaposed with in-dustrial design in a grouping of objects which form questions and invite reactions from the

Shadow play 2 modest omission from his letter. He made no mention of his own remarkable story, of how he stayed behind three politicians
Signor Colombo had hopes of talking to Mesars Callaghan and Steel and to Mrs Thatcher. But the Prime Minister's office rell me that Mr Callaghan has no large to the prime Minister's office rell me that Mr Callaghan has no large to the prime that the prime th at Armhem to look after the Resistance escaped through occupied Holland in a night-

more jorney that lessed four A year ago, the BEC refe-vised a dramatized reconstrucvized a dramaria tion of his exploits in a film called Arthem: the Story of an Escape. Tonight, the film will be shown again. It will be instructive to compare it with There was, I am now re- A Bridge Too Far.

The trouble is, I have never been able to say "when", whether it be a second helping of Sevruga or just another wee drop of the hard stuff. So I am delighted to be able to commend to you the exhibition mounted by the Crafts Advisory Committee which opens today at the V and A (from 10 to 5.30 daily until February 12, admission 50p).

"Say When", for that is the title of the exhibition/game, will appeal to young people of all ages. It turns exhibitionism into a game where craft and

Although Emilio Colombo, the President of the European Parliament, has publicized his visit to London this Friday es ins "day for meeting top people", at seems that he will be received by none of the top

plans to meet the Euro-parliamentarian. Mr Steel is out of town and the Liberals think that Signor Colombo might like to char to Jeremy Thorpe instead. Mrs Thatcher camor break a prior engagement and hat asked John Davies, the shadow Foreign Secretary, to deputize for her.

which belong to a single family in terms of function but which reveal a whole series of diverse images. The jugs and pots and bortles have all been made in Britain in the last 600 years. One of the objects of the game is to say when things were made.

There is no rigid framework of rules and the exhibition invites you to look at objects and at some of the relationships between them you are also asked to interpret these

tween them you are also asked to interpret these relationships (are they discreet, vulgar, austere, plain or pretty). At the end, if you still feel you require value for your 50p, you get a splendidly researched catalogue and an It is all about pouring vessels When compeniion (prizes (through the ages)—artefacts are a lovely frog jug).

Quoth the raven

with reminiscences about announcements over public address systems. I especially like this one from Pamela Braicy-Smith, of Northampton. She tells me she was staying at a hotel called the Rawen when a crooking voice over the PA system said: "Will Mr Duncan come to the telephone please."

"Being a lifelong student of
the Bard and almost knowing
Macbeth backwards", she says,

"I told my companion: The
Raven himself is house that croaks the fatal entrance of Duncan under my battle-

Miss Braley Smith adds, with some justification. It was my finest hour."

Exciting issue, not a Boer

Athough the South African Government may be politically beleasuered, its Historical Mini beieaguered, its Historical Mint in Cape Town has responded to adversity by coming (as Ben Ritchie-Hook used to say) out biffing. The Mint has issued a medallion collection to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of creeniging at the end of the

Soer War. No fewer than 12 generals (admittedly both Boer and British) are depicted on the 40g sterling silver medals which are being released at monthly intervals. The premier set, from a imited edition of 5,000, was presented to the Africaana Museum in Johannesburg.

The first medal carried (inevitably) the bust of General Smuts and a later one will carry the bead of Lord Baden-Powell, whose use of schoolboys as messengers led to the formation of the Boy Scout movement. The Mint have researched a bio-graphical history to accompany the medallions.

I have it, on the highest authority, that there is a public relations man in Britain called Michael Buncombe.

Diana Petre, of & Caroline Terrace, London, SW1, is compiling a collection of excuses to be called Lies Evasions and Deceits and is looking for items. I hope her publishers have a good legal advisor.

Outnumbered

Today's edition of The Times is number 60,162, a fact that rells gloom for Mr I. C. Joyce, of Hitchin, Herrfordshire. It warks the end of a run of editions to which he has been able to give a name. Mr Joyce is a train enthusiast.

His sequence began with edition 60,061 which he named Sir Ronald Manhews after the A4 Pacific locomotive of that name and mimber. The sequence ran unbroken through the ranks of A4, A3 and

A1 Pacifies up to locomotive number 60162, "Saint Johns-rown"—the name Mr Joyce has given to today's issue of The He regrets that BR cannot

me regrets that BR cannot mark the appearance of 60,163 by introducing high speed trains "along the old domain of those fine locomotives; the Fast Coast between King's Cross and Edinburgh". Another instance of BR not being able to keep up with The Times?

The Langton Gallery has had some delightful ideas over the The Langton Gallery has had some delightful ideas over the years, but none more amusing than the elaborate private view invitation (a page-pull from the book) they have just sent out for the exhibition of original drawings by Bert Kitchen which illustrate "Abecedary", the verses of Christopher Logue, which is to be published this week by Jonathan Cape. The exhibition will run from Thursday to November 29. When it closes, the Langton will offer the eighth of their Great British Cartoon Shows with a selection of artists from Rowlandson to Scarfe. It will last until Christophes. Scarfe. It will last until Christmas.

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PRESIDENT SADAT'S INITIATIVE

Once again President Sadat, after a period when his policies appeared to have been begged down in a complete stalemare, has seized the initiative with a spectacular gesture, which has taken even his own advisers and subordinates by surprise. Their instinct, when he made his dramatic announcement in the Egyptian parliament last week that he was prepared to go "even to the Knesser" to talk peace with Israel, was to explain this as an essentially rhetorical statement a way of emphasizing the point that Egypt did not intend to let procedural obstacles impede substantive negotiations in the Geneva conference, and to add that of course the President could not actually go to Israel unless the Israels first accepted this or that condition.

I seems they were wrong, for on Monday night Mr Sadat said he was prepared to go to Israel whoot any preconditions, witha week of receiving a formal hvitation, and Mr Begin immelistely responded that a formal invitation would be dispatched through American diplomatic channels without delay. It is significant that this exchange was conducted on American television. The dominant consideration in both sides' diplomacy is the need to make a good impression in the United States, and especially to avoid being blamed by the United States for any breakdown in the peacemaking process. American insistence on the need for a peaceful settlement thus has the beneficial effect of obliging the two sides to compete in proving the sincerity of their desire for peace. Mr Carter can therefore legitimately claim the break-through in Egyptien-Israeli rela-tions as a success for his foreign policy, at a moment when his administration badly needs a success to reestablih its authority.

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There should be no doubt that in behaving in this way President Sadat is showing considerable moral courage. The danger is not so much that he might be assassinated by a Palestinian fanatic or overthrown by an Egyptian coup. Those dangers exist already, and if there were a coup it would be more likely to arise from Egypt's internal problems than from any move directly connected with the Arab-Israel

conflict. From that point of view the most dangerous position is age to set aside preconditions and one of mertia, and that is clearly talk directly to the Palestinian what Mr Sadat is determined at all costs to avoid.

In 1973 he escaped from inertia by military action, running the risk of a total and humiliating military defeat. Now he is trying to escape from inertia by a spectacular diplomatic offensive, and again he runs the risk of grave humiliation if it brings no results. No official Arab voice has been raised as yet to condemn his offer to go to Israel and again it is significant and encouraging that no Arab state wishes to take public responsibility for sabotaging the initiative. But there can be no doubt that the Arab gut reaction is one of scepticism and anxiety, if not contempt.

Many Arabs will have been displeased that the Egyptian President should have offered to go and talk peace in Israel on the very day Israeli planes des-troyed a Lebanese village and killed over a hundred people, almost all of them civilians. Others will be afraid that this will be taken by Israel as a sign of weakness, and that it will stiffen Israel's determination to make no concessions by convincing her that Egypt's desire for peace is so strong that she will sooner or later have to accept Israeli terms, even if it means breaking solidarity with the other Arab countries.

This undoubtedly is what many Israelis want to believe, and Mr Sadat is taking the risk of encouraging them in that belief. However, it is good that at least one Arab leader has the courage to take that risk, because it is difficult to see who gains from the alternative, which is to let the present deadlock continue.

Israeli wishful thinking about Egypt is closely paralleled by Syrian fearful thinking, and the Israelis' dream of a separate peace with Egypt is the Syrians' nightmere, Today Mr Sadat goes. to Damascus to try to convince President Assad that the nightmare has no substance, and no doubt when he addresses the Knesset he will do his best also to dissipate the Israeli dream. A great part of his speech will seriously expect Egypt to concertainly be devoted to the clude the kind of full peace she grievances and rights of the wants unless the other. Arab

leaders, just as he has had the moral courage to set aside preconditions and talk directly to Igrael.

Both Israelis and Syrians will be inclined to dismiss these remarks as a rhetorical smokescreen behind which a separate peace is being prepared. Yet this is surely to misunderstand the thrust of President Sadar's policies. He has not since 1973 been separating Egypt from the rest of the Arab world. What he has done is to move closer, within the Arab world, to the conservative and wealthy Arab states—especially Saudi Arabia -and to enlist their influence, as well as that of the United States, in favour of a moderate policy for the Arab world as a whole, including the Palestine Liberation Organization. Today Egypt is financially and politically dependent not only on the United States but on Saudi-Arabia and the other Gulf States, and in pursuing a peaceful settlement with Israel Presi-dent. Sadat has made great efforts to carry Syria and the PLO along in his wake, precisely in order to avoid having to break these Arab ties.

And he has been by no means unsuccessful. Both Syria and the PLO have dragged their feet but, in the last resort, rather than be left out in the cold, they have gradually moderated their positions. Syria has accepted the idea of a peace treaty if Israel withdraws to the pre-1967 borders. The PLO has accepted the idea of an independent state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and now accepts the idea of Palestinian representatives negotiating with Israel at Geneva as part of a single Arab delegation, without a specific PLO label, on the basis of the American-Soviet joint statement issued last month. No doubt if the Geneva conference fails one option Egypt would examine is to try to recover the purely Egyptian occupied tecritory in return for a non-belligerency agreement. But would Israel give up Sharm al-Shaikh and the Rafah approaches for less than full peace; and can she Palestiniens, and to the necessity .: parties are involved as well?

THE ENTREPRENEURS AND MANAGERS SPEAK OUT

purpose in giving Britain's employers a platform from which they could express their views in the full glare of publicity. It has until now always been a problem for the CBI and its members that its annual calender provided no such occasion. Unlike trades unionists and politicians, employers have in the past tended to be over-reticent in stating their views in public. Brighton has changed that at

least. What was said at the conference was, therefore, in one sense less important than the fact that entrepreneurs and managers have at last decided that they have a voice and that it should be heard. In the past the fact that the CBI has an extremely wide constituency has resulted in its utterances on economic and industrial issues of the day tending to be muted, or the result of compromise. The at the conference sllowed a fuller range of points

Criminal legal aid

criminal legal aid.

From Mr Hugh Montgomery

Sir. On November 1 you gave a

report of the oral evidence given by the Lord Chief Justice to the Royal Commission on Legal Services. I refer in puricular to Lord Widgery's

view, in the context of criminal cases taking too long, that there is no proper financial control of

The Law Society wholeheartedly agrees with this view.
In civil legal aid there has been

built up over a period exceeding 25 years a sophisticated system of control, financial and otherwise, administered by The Law Society

under the guidance of the Lord Chancellor. In criminal legal aid,

the only control is that exercised by the court. This has proved ineffec-

tive in practice which is not surpris-ing because it is wrong in principle.

The court's control must always be

that the prosecution must prove its

The great majority of criminal

cases in the crown courts are con-ducted on legal aid. In the civil

system cash case has to be vetted

by a committee of lawyers before legal aid is granted. There should

be a similar system in criminal legal

aid administered by The Law Society. This would have two great

advantages. Firstly, the Legal Aid Committee would be completely in-

dependent of the court and, secondly, before public money is spent on his defence, the accused

rould be required to put his case

in depil to a committee. In the civil

system, the control does not end

with the grant of the legal aid cer-tifiette. So the criminal adminis-

greater control than there is at pre-

sont, over such things as the extent of work to be done under legal and change of solicitors

would exercise a much

case and the accused cannot

compelled to disclose his case.

The first national conference of the Confederation of British Industry, which ended yesterday at Brighton fully served its main purpose in giving Britain's to most industrial questions.

But the CBI's conference was not simply an exercise in public relations. It was also a further step towards making the confederation itself more open to its members. A frequently-heard criticism from businessmen in the past has been that the confederation was run by a small circle of top industrialists, who too often did not heed the views of the grass roots. Lord Watkin-son and Mr Methven have tried to introduce much greater membership participation in the work of the CBI. Last year they published a discussion document The Road to Recovery which extensively debated was London and the regions and led to the drafting of Programme for Action 77, a policy statement which set out the CBI's goals for the year ahead. This year the confederation has taken the process a step further by putting its discussion document Britain Means Business 1977 before a

ment was endorsed, at least one important section—on the reform of pay bargaining came in for violent criticism for being too corporatist. It will now have to be examined again by the confederation's grand council. This will not kill the proposed move towards a fundamental reform of the pay bargaining system. On the contrary, it will ensure that when the CBI leadership approaches the Government and the TUC with its ideas on the subject it will be able to do so in the knowledge that it has the fullest possible backing of its

members The CBI took a risk in mounting a national conference. If it had not been a success, it could have badly damaged the confederation's image and its influence. But the conference has in the event been manifestly successful. The CBI should now certainly make this an annual

post, however little be or she

There is much public concern a the present time at the length and expense of criminal trials. The adoption of a system similar to that used in civil cases would not solve all the problems. That it would substantially improve the situation have no doubt. Yours faithfully,

HUGH MONTGOMERY Chairman, Legal Aid Committee, The Law Society's Hall, 113 Chancery Lane, WC2. November 7. CAMPBELL,

Academic posts

From Professor David Lowenthal Sir, The scarcity of new academic posts (The Times, October 18) is only one of several problems exacerbated by Government policy and by Treasury control of the universities. Enforced parsimony and an obsession with security are stoltifying British academic life. Except at the very top, hardly anyone ever moves from one university to another. Once appointed, lecturers tend to remain for life. Except at the very bottom, no one new comes in. British universities today are dying not just from lack of funds but from want of enter-

prise. How has this come about? Because salaries are age-graded and funds are scarce, universities employ only the youngest appli-cants for lectureships. Anyone over 28 is generally viewed as too expensive. Students who interrupt their academic careers with a few years' outside work, travel or other experience thereby miss their chance. Only those who move directly from undergraduate to postgraduate to aspiring candidate stand much hope of being taken on. And academic tradition virtually guarantees that anyone employed will be confirmed in his

subsequently contributes.

Thus secluded from vital contact with the world outside, the univerwith the worm outside, the insyersities become ever more ingrown. Those who are adventurous and inquiring are less likely to go into the universities in the first place. Once in academe, only the creative and the energetic risk moving out—away from the universities or accept the occupant that find across the ocean when they find no position matching their talents and ambinions. The passive remain, ultimately dominating many academic departments. Those who are not withdrawn or indifferent to begin with are apt to vegetate for want of stimulus and challenge. What is to be done? Leave the

universities free to negotiate their own funding and decide their own priorities. Arrange for a proportion of staff each year to interchange academic posts. Impose staff requirements for tenure after five or six years, allowing a significant proportion of posts to be taken by newcomers at all ranks and ages. Leave room for visiting staff from abroad, from the non-scademic world, and from those who have retired but remain alert and ready to contribute. Base starting sa solely on relevant experience and

not on age as at present.

These measures alone will not ensure universities health while Government considers higher education an extravagance to be restricted to a tiny minority, and, as I noted earlier (The Times, August 25, 1975), inequitably exodes lecturers' living standards. But with out some reform, British universities will decay into place-serving mediocrity, and taxpayers who complain they are wasting their money on tertiery education will be

right. Faithfully yours, DAVID LOWENTHAL, Department of Geography, University College London, November 9.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Firemen's strike: problems for the Christian conscience

From the Archbishop of Westsir, Most people are deeply dis-turbed by the industrial action taken this week by the Fire Bri-gade's Union. The consequent danger to human life is an intoler-able threat to the whole community, no matter which party to the dis-pute is held to be ultimately re-sponsible for that threat. Chris-tians believe that human life has tians believe that human life has an incalculable value and so are dismayed that the lives of innocent individuals are put at risk in what is seen as a struggle for economic benefits. This is a new situation. It poses acute moral problems for the Christian conscience. First signal that our country must seek trigently new ways of settling in-dustrial disputes and achieving

social instice Those outside the national and Those outside the national and local negotiations are unable to judge the issues of the present dispute accurately and fairly. Firemen seem to have genuine grievances, but at the same time the financial well being of the country as a whole calls for economic restraint and equal sacrifices. A Church leader is not qualified to offer decailed remedies, proposals, suggest two limited proposals. fimited propo suggest two limited proposals, improve the situation?

First, could not the firemen and their leaders reconsider secondary the possible consequences of their total withdrawal of labour?

of their total withdrawal of labour and these consequences— in as much as they involve grave danger to human life—surely far outweigh the economic benefits to be gained from industrial action. Would it not be more humans for them knumediately to substitute selective action, even if rigorously applied, while they seek to find a solution to their grievances.

so their grievances. Secondly, some people have un-Secondly, some people have undoubtedly suffered economically
because their social and professional conscience would not allow
them to strike. The community
should not allow those who hold
the lives and safety of others in
their, hands to be thus disadvantaged. Could not the Government
undertake to hold an independent
and official enough early next year undertake to hold an independent and official enquiry early next year into the pay structures of the fire-men and of other groups in a similar position? Such an enquiry could suggest their place in a national earnings league and its findings could become part of future economic policy for the government of the day.

future economic policy for the government of the day.

We need a publicly known and agreed policy on differentials. This should take into consideration such elements as: duties which involve special responsibility for the safety and health of members of the public; jobs in which there is danger to the employees' life and health; unsocial hours and conditions of work; the acquisition of relevant skills requiring lengthy training. There may well be other factors to weigh. Such calculations will be difficult to make, but with so much at stake we cannot put off the sodesyour any longer. Yours faithfully, BASIL HUME,

BASIL HUME,
Archbishop's House,
Westminster, 5W1.

From Mr Raioh Harris and Mr John B. Wood Sir, May we pose some questions to all. your readers who are now tempted to pin their hopes for the Suture on defeating the firemen? Have politicisms forgotten the eventual cost to themselves and us

Immigrants' difficulties

From Mr Mohammad Asiam

From Mr. Mohammad Aslam
Sir, Your letter from Mark Bonham
Carter (November 2) and article by
David Lane (November 4) on the
subject of racial discrimination
make some valuable points but miss
some others. Although there is no
doubt regarding the great efforts
made by the Commission for Racial
Rquality and the other bodies which
preceded them, these efforts are
bandicapped by the Covernment's
discriminatory legislation against
immigrants from Asia and the West
Indies. Pressure from right wing
groups such as the National Front
may be partly instrumental in
creating a situation where members
of families of many immigrants are
separated and every obsastle is put

separated and every obstacle is put in the way of them coming

The 1971 Immigration Act, with

its patrials and non-patrials, created a class of second-class citizens in the form of Afro-Asians, Although

the law still allows in theory for the earry of dependants of people already settled here, in practice it is very difficult to get perhission for them to come. Now it is proposed to abolish the child rax allow-mea for those children who still

by the child allowance, so they are discriminated against in that the child income benefit which will replace the child allowance, so they are discriminated against in that the child recome benefit which will replace the child allowance, so they are discriminated against in that there will be recome of the child allowance.

they will be worse off than other

tinuing with the allowance is the extra staffing costs its retention

would involve in the Inland Revenue, although no evidence has been produced to show how the

increase would arise. It is difficult

The Armolfini marriage?

Sir. Mr Peud Overy in his recent

interesting article (November 8) focused on the Jan van Eyck painting "The Marriage of Arnol-fini" throws doubt upon whether

it was their marriage, gives reasons for thinking the wife was pregnant.

and that was the reason for the celebration. This disregards pre-

vious interpretations which seem

more logical. From what I have read over the years about this fascinating painting and painter and the time be lived in Flanders customs did not extend to formal

marriage ceremonies, in fact it could be verbal withour winnesses and quite legal.

and quite legal.

What better way to prove the marriage than with a painting like this one, dated and with all the symbols. Amolfini is raising his

right hand making the solemn

From Mr Leonard Allen

The excuse given for not con-

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of Mr Heath's economically mis-guided battle with the miners only four years ago? Is it really "respon-sible" or "patriotic" for the Conservatives—and now the CBI to encourage a Labour Government to repeat the same folly behind a rhetorical smokescreen about not "confronting" or "taking on" the

Is it high courage or procrastina-ting cowardice to allow the 10 per cent "guideline" to drift into a minimum-maximum that paralyses economic logic—and the labour market? What has become of the varianted move from rigid incomes policy towards freer collective bargaining? Yet how otherwise will differentials for skill and responsibility begin to be unfrozen? Are we or are we not short of police and firemen—in many areas? If we are, could there be better economic logic for increasing their economic logic for increasing their pay above the average—in those areas? Why are political "leaders" failing to teach the bemused public that the only economic/social/moral argument for higher wages is a genuine shortage of labour (not induced by restrictive practices) to discharge vital national services? Must the correction of every crippling distortion in our economy

crippling distortion in our econom always be put off till another day? A final question may expose the shallow and short-sighted expediency of politicians now brazenly basking in fickle and bewildered basking in fickle and bewildered public favour. If untaxed social security benefits are increased by over 14 per cent when taxed wages and salaries are held to 10 per cent (say 6 per cent net), who will MPS—and public opinion polls—blame when shortages of highly skilled men in key jobs increasingly disrupt our remuons prospects of national recovery, and when essential services crumble further? Yours faithfully

ours faithfully. RALPH HARRIS, General Director, JOHN B. WOOD, Deputy Director, The Institute of Economic Affairs, 2 Lord North Street,

From Mr J. A. Long Sir, "We are not asking for much—we only want the National Average". But there must, by definition, be as much below an average as there is above, and there is a real danger in allowing everyone below an average to believe that he is therefore, in some way, densired

To be below a "Living Wage" is in itself a justification for a rise. To be below the National Average Yours truly,

J. A. LONG, The Bekry, Yarcombe,

Dealing with emergencies

From Mr Peter Mulleneux Sir. "The Government has a duty to prepare for the consequences of a strike.... The Government and the local authorities and the com-munity as a whole have a respon-sibility.... Thus spoke the Home Secretary in a Ministerial Recordcest on Sunday, November 13, 1977.
It is not only the consequences of a strike that government, local authorities and the community have

a duty to prepare for but also the consequences of every sort of emergency, natural, rechaical, political, military or whatever renders our essential services overstreached or impotent in time of need.

to see how this slight clerical adjustment would need extra staff, for has the need to keep down the number of staff been used before,

to my knowledge, as an excuse for injustices aimed in the tax system against one section of the com-

munity.

The number of dependent children coming into this category is comparatively small, and by the obvious passage of time stoce their parents came to this country, are either reaching, or have reached, the age when child allowance would no langer he auditable. The reten-

the age when child allowance would no longer be applicable. The retention of the allowance for them for another five years would fairly well cover these numbers, and thereby save their parents the hardship of paying the extra tax and trying to support their children as well.

At the same time the Government, in agreement with the opposition parties, should look at the legislation as it discriminates against immigrants. It should also look at the way legislation is applied, especially where the legal rights of immigrants to have their children join them in this country are over-

join them in this country are over-ruled by those very administrators of the law who are supposed to uphold it.

With such injustices removed the

immigrant countribity would gain much more confidence in the law of the land, the work of such bodies like the Commission for Racial Equality made more easy, and community relations in the country as

a whole consequently improved. Yours faithfully.

22 Seely Road,

Legton Sands

November 6.

paintings.

Yours,

LEONARD ALLEN.

20 Norfolk Road,

MOHAMMAD ASLAM. Chairman

Standing Conference of Pakistani Organizations in the UK,

marriage vow, she holding his hand

in agreement.
The small dog signifies faithful-

a marriage vow than to pregnancy celebration. St Margaret, carved on

the chair, would represent the patroness of married women to

support the bride; the painter and

his assistant (?), reflected in the

convex mayor, would appear appropriate witnesses—"I was there" 1434, rather than "Jan van

Eyck made me" as in previous

worn was very much the fashion of the day. St Carbeine and again St Mary Magdalen were depicted in paintings in similar fashion.

Surely they were not pregnant?

The loose voluminous

which is more appropriate to

It is no earthly good Mr Rees trotting out eleventh-hour plantudes about "communal responsibility" when his party has withdrawn the very means whereby any member of the public can play his part in this

Was not the Civil Defence, or perhaps a variation of it, a pretty good attempt to provide this essential back up and is it not everyone's right, if so inclined, to be able to play some part in just such a volun-tury self-help organization which has been, and surely will be, sorely needed?

It is our right and duty to help others as well as ourselves so let us urge the Government to bring back an updated and extended version of the Civil Defence, and use it, and thus give us a chance to help in emergency situations of all sorts. Left wingers can rest assured that, despite their howls about strike breaking, strikes would still be quite troublesome enough to make their point, but perhaps without crippling the country economically or endan-gering life and limb and property. Yours faithfully, PETER MULLENEUX. Birchetts Green Farm, Wallmouch, Wadburst,

Sussex. November 14.

From Mr W. Meller

Sir, I see that householders are advised to keep buckets of water handy during the firemen's strike. May I suggest that a bag or bucket of sand would be far more sensible? Unlike water, it can be safely used on any kind of fire; and if one suddenly discovers part of one's home in flames, it may not be impaditated of many whether the of one's home in flames, it may not be immediately obvious whether the cause is electrical or not. Sand appears to be used by gardeners for some purpose or other, and can readily be obtained from hardware shops at a price which is no more shocking than most prices nowadays. Yours faithfully.

W. W. MELLOR, 14 Brooklands Crescent, Sheffield. Yorkshire.

A permanent wages policy From Mr R. S. Dale

Sir, Professor Jacques (November 11) asks why there is a conspiracy of silence on the most important political and economic issue of our time—the question of a permanent starutory arrangement to doal with wage differentials. The answer is wage differentials. The answer is simple; both mojor political parties are, for their own reasons, totally committed to the principle of free collective bargaining, the left because it is an essential part of the understanding with the trude unions; the right because it reflects the company of the warder the company of the warder. the supposed virtues of the market system. To concede the necessity for centralised determination of incomes is, after all, to recommend the abolition, at one and the same time, of trade unionism and capital-

Let us therefore not expect a lead from the politicians in this matter, but continue the debate in the hope that the old political allegiances will in due course be displaced by a common recognition of what is required.
Yours sincerely, R. S. DALE, The Old House,

Near Canterbury. Kent. November 11.

Dismissing a government From Mr D. W. Rawson

From Mr D. W. Rawson

Sir, Your otherwise balanced leading article of November 7 might lead readers to think that the Australian Lubor Government of Mr Whiclam was dismissed by the Governor General because it had "mismantaged affairs". Evon Sir John Kerr's many enemies have not accused him of behaving in so arbitrary and unconstitutional a fashion as that.

The Government was dismissed, rightly or wrongly, because it was unwilling to give way in order to resolve a financial deadlock between the two Houses of Parliament." Mismanagement "is not, I trust, a conceivable ground for the dismissal of a government; few would

missal of a government; few would last long if it were. Yours faithfully,

D. W. RAWSON, Senior Fellow in Political Science, Australian National University, 43 Lensfield Road, Cambridge.

Luton Hoo ivories From Mr Nigel Thomas

Sir. The decision to remove several medieval ivories, recently acquired by the nation in lieu of tax on the death of the late Sir Harold Wernher, from their setting as part of the magnificent Luton Hoo col-lection is one which illustrates once again (if this need be done) the destructive and unfortunate effect of heavy capital taxation. It was claimed for Capital Transfer Tax by several Ministers and others that a beneficial side effect of the tax would be to facilitate public enjoyment of private and hitherto unseen art collections.

The Luton Hoo decision, however, shows how this crippling tax does nothing whatsoever for the public enjoyment of a private art collection. First because the Vernher collection was, irrespective of this tax, easily viewed by mem-bers of the public and indeed Sir Harold and Lady Wernher had gone to great lengths to display the house and its art collection to the public advantage and, secondly, the Treasury by removing these ivories and scattering them among several anonymous museums and public collections does reduce the interest and completeness of the collection which remains at Luton Hoo and deprives the ivories of much of their significance by taking them out of their context within a great art collection amossed by a single family and housed in this beautiful Yours faithfully. NIGEL THOMAS, 11 Stone Buildings,

Liocoln's Inn, WC2.

Mapping buried history

From Professor A. L. P. Rivet Sir. Most of the points in the letter of the Director General of the Ordnance Survey (November 11) have been dealt with in your leading article end in Professor Cun-liffe's letter of November 12, but one sentence in it demands further attention: "Since the OS does not employ professionally qualified field archaeologists we hope that our adoption of these measures will of archaeological classification."

In the first place, ever since the appointment of O. G. S. Crawford in 1920 the OS has employed a professional Archaeology Officer, and for much of that time an Assistant Archaeology Officer too. Are these posts now to be quietly extinguished?

But secondly, there is no generally recognized "profes-sional" qualification in field archaeology, in the sense of identifying defining classifying and surveying field antiquities—indeed for the past two years a Council for British Archaeology committee, of which I am the chairman, has been trying to devise, one (with a suitable scheme of exemptions for holders of those few degrees and diplomas which do include this type

f work). Our task is exceptionally difficult, because proficiency in it depends partly on natural antitude (not everyone can see a ploughed-down barrow or field system) and partly on training, but most of all

on experience.

Several of the OS's archaeological field surveyors, with many years of experience behind them, are among the best practitioners in the country—in fact, they are the "professionals" par excellence. This is widely recognized by archaeologists, and it is shocking that the Director General should imply the contrary. I hope that everyone who read his letter read also the tribute to them from the Royal Commission, quoted by PHS on the facing page. Yours faithfully, A. L. F. RIVET,

Professor of Roman Provincial Studies, University of Keele,

From Dr D. W. Rhind

Sir. Most of us readily accept that a knowledge of pre-history and history is, a vital backcloth for any nation. But the primary business of the Ordnance Survey is—and always has been—to record and display the geography of this country. Physical manifestations of our history con-stitute just one aspect of this geography, albeit a fascinating one.

The numerous letters you have published from anguished historians and archaeologists, together with your leader of November 12, may well result in the retention of those OS staff who are making an in-ventory of archaeological monuments. I suggest however that anything more than a temporary reprieve for this group would be premature, given the fundamental review of Survey objectives announced last May by the Secretary of State for the Environment, There are many other tasks of immediate fully be assigned to OS, including the recording of land use and of service networks: I hope these, the archaeological inventory and number of other possibilities will be investigated in this review.

Finally, in setting out a new future for OS I am sure that the relevance of the increasing use of remote sensing from aircraft or satellites in certain types of survey will be understood. These methods contrast with the on-site investigaarchaeological work. Given such substantial differences in methods of work, a logical solution might be for the urchaeologists to be employed elsewhere in the Department of the Environment. Yours faithfully, DAVID RHIND.

Department of Geography, University of Durham.

Sculptured elms

From the Reverend R. R. Robnison Sir, On a recent holiday in the Soviet Union I spent some time in Armenia. Along the tree lined main street of Echmiodzin, adjacent to the cathedral and Palace of the Catholicos, are to be observed about half a dozen dead tree trunks sculptured in the fashion suggested by your correspondents. They make an attractive addition to the visual delichts of the city, and are fine works in themselves, depicting, as they do, such subjects as family life, Armenian folk heroes, and characters from Holy Scripture, Such a custom imported into Such a custom imported into England and copied from our Armenian friends in the Soviet Union would enhance the beauty of our towns and countryside, encourage artists, and answer the problem of what to do with some of our dead trees. Yours faithfully, RAYMONDE R. ROBINSON. Holy Redeemer Clergy House,

Anthropophagous mice

Clerkenwell, EC1.

From Sir Kenneth Berrill and others Sir, We were distressed to learn of John Wilton's disturbed night in his Jedda Embassy Hetter, November 11), it was perhaps remiss of us not to state explicitly that the keeping of cats in Ambassadors' residences is highly desirable not only to keep down mice but also to reflect a Eritish way of life. The unacconntable entertainment allowance known as Indirect Representa-tional Supplement could perhaps be deemed to cover the expenditure. There may be one problem however. Visiting embassies we could not fail notice the high propensity of Ambassadors to keep dogs, usually very large or very small, rarely medium sized. Perhaps this explains John Wilton's problems. Yours faithfully, KENNETH BERRILL,

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TESSA BLACKSTONE. KATHARINE MORTIMER Cabinet Office, Central Policy Review Staff, 70 Whitchall, SW1. Court of Appeal

Contract the key to constructive dismissal

Before Lord Denning. Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and

Lord Justice Eveleigh

[Judgments delivered Nov 14] Whether an employee has been constructively dismissed pursuant to paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 1 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, should be determined according to contractual principles and not by applying a test of unreasonable conduct

by the employer.

The Court of Appeal so ruled in allowing an appeal by employers. Western Excavating (ECC) Ltd, from the dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Kilner Brown, Mr S. C. Marley and Mr J. G. C. Milligan) of their appeal from the majority decision of an industrial tribunal at St Austell, Cornwall, awarding Mr Colin John Sharp, of Fraddon, St Columb. 1658 compensation for unfair dismissal.

missal.

Paragraph 5(2) provides: "(2)

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In a employee shall be treated for the purposes of this Act as dismissed by his employer, if, but only if... (c) the employee terminates that contract, with or without notice, in circumstances such that be is entitled to terminate it without notice by reason of the employer's conduct".

Mr Andrew Smith for the employers; Mr Francis Gilbert for Mr Sharp.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

Mr Sharp.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that if Mr Sharp worked extra time he could have time off in lieu. One day in February, 1976, he asked for three hours off play cards for a team. Though was told that he could not

have the time off that afternoon as there was too much work, he went to play cards. The next day he was dismissed. The disciplicary panel set up by the employers substituted five days' suspension without pay for the dismissal.

That left Mr Sharp in financial difficulties, and he asked the employers for an advance on his accrued holiday pay. His request was refused, as was a request for a loan of £40. He then left his employment in order to obtain his

employment in order to obtain his holiday pay, and brought a claim for unfair dismissal. The doctrine of constructive dismissal, contained in paragraph 5(2)(c), had given rise to a diversity of views. in Wetherell (Bond St. W1)

In Wetherott (Bond St. W1)
Ltd v Lynn (The Times, August
3) the Employment Appeal Tribunal attempted to settle the
differences, but they were unsettled again by the discovery of
obiteroficis in the Court of
Appeal judgments in Turner v
London Transport Executive (unreported, May 6, 1971). The
Employment Appeal Tribunal
thought they ought to follow
those dicta and they gave guidance, expressed as an interim
measure pending an authoritative statement of the law by the
Court of Appeal or Court of
Session, in Scott v Aveling Barford Ltd (The Times, October
5).

The rival tests were the con-tract test and the unreasonable-ness test. Under the former if the employer was guilty of conduct which was a significant breach going to the root of the contract of employment or which showed that he no longer intended to be bound by one or more of its essential terms, then the employee

discharged from any further per-formance; and, if he did so, the employee was constructively dis-

Under test if the employer conducted himself or his affairs so unreasonably that the employee could not fairly be expected to put up with it any longer, the employee was justified in leaving. In his Lordship's opinion, the

contract test was the right test for the following reasons. (1) The statute itself drew a distinction between "dismissal" in paragraph 5(2) and "unfairness" in paragraph 5(2) and "unfairness" in paragraph 5(2). (2) Interpretation of dismissal in paragraph 5(2), which went back to 1955, should not be influenced by paragraph 6(8). (3) Paragraph 5(2)(c) used words which had a legal commotation. (4) The new test of "uncessonable conduct" was too indefinite by far. It had led to findings of constructive dismissal on the most whimsical grounds. The contract test was more certain the following reasons. (1) The on the most winniscal grounds. The contract test was more certain and could well be understood by intelligent laymen under the guidance of a legal chairman. (5) Parliament could well have used other words. (6) The test of reasonableness gave no effect to the words 'without notice'.

the words 'without notice'.'

The case was an illustration of a 'whimsical decision'. If the contract test had been applied the result would have been plain, There was no dismissal, constructive or otherwise, by the employers. The appeal should be allowed. LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that the language of paragraph 5(2)(c) was the language of contract; language which had a significant meaning in law in that it

to be released from his contract and extinguished the right of the employer to hold the employee to it. Contracts could only be brought to an end in ways known to the law.

For the purpose of the present judgment it was peither necessary nor advisable to express any opinion as to what principles of law operated to briag a contract of employment to an end by reason of an employer's conduct. Sensible persons had no difficulty in recognizing such conduct. Per-sistent and unwanted amorous advances by an employer to a female member of his staff would, for example, clearly be such

Vilit was required for the application of paragraph 5 (2) (c) was a large measure of common sense. That it did not get from the industrial tributal in the present case. Mr Sharp had not suggested, rot could be have suggested, that the employers had been in breach of their contract. been in breach of their contract.

To suggest, as the majority of the industrial tribunal did, that the employers "should have leant over backwards to ensure that the same result as the discredited dismissal was not to be achieved through administrative blockage or any over-rigid adherence to criteria or procedures not designed for this abnormal situation "was to cut adrift from common sense and reason.

Lord Justice Eveleich agreed.

Lord Justice Eveleigh agreed. The appeal was allowed. Leave to appeal was refused. Solicitors: Stollard & Limbrey or Stephens & Scown, St Austell: Rooks, Rider & Co for Whitford & Sons, St Columb.

Dismissal for want of prosecution: effect of new Act

Biss v Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority (Teaching)

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane and Lord Justice Eveleigh The Court of Appeal, in dismissing for want of prosecution an action sought to be brought by a woman for alleged negligence by hospital nursing staff over 12 years ago, decided that they could do so consistently with the House of Lords decision on the subject matter last May (Birkett v James), because the House was not dealing matter last May (Birkett v James), because the House was not dealing with cases brought under the Limitation Acts, 1963 and 1975, which enable persons who satisfy specific conditions to issue writs in respect of personal injuries outside the normal interpeat period under the Limitation Act, 1939. Their Lordships held that the plaintiffs delay of nine months after she had issued her writ was sufficiently prejudicial to the defendant hospital to entitle the court in its discretion to dismiss her action for want of prosecu-

her action for want of prosecu-Their Lordships, in reserved judgments, allowed an interlocutory appeal by Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority (Teaching) (formarly Lewisham Group Hospital Management Committee) from Judge Sir Norman Richards, QC, sitting as a High Court deputy judge, who allowed an appeal by Mrs Elizabeth Grace Biss, of Wood Vale, Forest Hill, London, from an order of Master Waldman dismissing her action for damages for elleged negligence against the hospital authority for want of prosecution.

Mr Nicholas Merriman for the hospital authority; Mr Jaremy Roberts for Mrs Biss.

While there she began to com-plain about negligent treatment by the Lewisbam nursing staff. Solicitors wrote to the hospital board in 1966. Its solicitors replied, denying her charges and replied, denying her charges and stating the measures taken to prevent and cure the bed sores and that she had been uncooperative in the treatment advised. She obtained legal aid and counsels' opinions that the hospital had not been negligent. Her legal aid certificate was discharged. She approached her MP, local councilor and newspapers: none took for and newspapers; none took

In 1970 Mrs Biss joined the Multiple Scierosis Society, who took up her case; and with a medical report from Stoke Mandeville she got legal aid in July, 1973. She applied ex parte for leave under the Limitation Act, 1963, to bring an action against the hospital—10 years after leaving it. The judge refused her application, but in February, 1975, the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Stephenson), basing itself on the current interpretation of the 1963 Act, gave leave. That, his Lordship now thought, was a mistake. Mrs Biss's then advisers issued a writ claiming damages against the hospital for negligence "between about April, 1965, and January, 1966". The hospital denied negligence and relied on the Limitation Act, 1939. The plaintiff's reply was that the material facts were

gave particulars of its defence and served on Mrs Biss a request for further and better particulars. She did not comply with it; her then solicitors did nothing. Nine months passed. New solicitors were engaged. The legal aid certificate required them to get a further opinion of counsel before setting down the case for trial, and for that numbers her solicitors. and for that purpose her solicitors wanted a further opinion from the Stoke Mandeville doctor. The doctor wanted to see Mrs Biss again at Stoke Mandeville, but again at Stoke Mandeville, but on two or three occasions she said she could not undertake the

In spite of a warning from the In spite of a warning from the hospital's solicitors that if progress was not made fairly soon they would apply to dismiss the case for want of prosecution, noding was done about getting the further medical opinion. So in March, 1977, the hospital issued a summons, and Master Waldman dismissed the action; but the judge held that it was to proceed.

judge held that it was 10 proceed.

On the appeal the argument had turned on Birkett v James (The Times, May 26: [1977] 3 WLR 28). Mr Roberts said that as a result of that decision the crucial date was the lawful issue of the writ in February, 1975, and the crucial delay—the nine mounts from December, 1975, to September, 1976—though inorditate and inexcussible, did not add any extra prejudice to the defendants, and therefore the action should not be dismissed.

Before Birkett v Jumes there were two rival approaches to cases about dismissal for want of prosecution, one based on public secution, one based on public policy, the other concentrating on the delay since the issue of the writ. The House had declared the latter to be the right approach. A plaintift, it said, had a legal right to delay issuing his writ for the full period permitted by the Statute of Limitations—for six years in the case of breach of contract and three years in personal injuries cases; and after issuing it, he had a further year under the injuries cases; and after issuing it, he had a further year under the Rules of Court for serving it. No delay in issuing or serving his writ during that period, no matter now inordinate and inexcusable and prejudicial it might have been, could of itself be a ground fur dismissing his action. If the delendant had not been prejudiced by the delay since the writ the action could not be struck out.

The reasoning in Birkett v James led to a difficulty exemplified by where a plaintiff took advantage of the full period permitted by the Limitation Acts the prejudice to the defendant had been done before the issue of the writ. Only rarely was there any additional prejudice—or at least only mid-mal—after the issue of the writ. mal—after the issue of the writ. It was often during the first three or four years that witnesses tied, disappeared or forgot what had happened, and that records and notes were lost or destroyed. It was said with force that all the prejudice to the defendants occurred during the first three years. The plaintiff's solicitor had written a letter before action; but after receiving the detailed reply, had taken advice and dropped the claim; so the hospital

ped the claim; so the hospital thought no more about it. But after 10 years; the plaintiff issued a writ with the leave of the court. By that time great projudice had taken place. Nurses had left the hospital; their notes had been destroyed; their memories must have falled them—or at any rate an extra nine months would make them no worse. So there was no additional

His Lordship was sure that the House could never have envisaged such cases as these. If the approach established in Birkett v James were carried to its logical conclusion, it would mean that in conclusion, it would meen that in the many cases where the plain-tiff took advantage of the full period of limitation—so that the defendant was hopelessly preju-diced before the writ was issued —the plaintiff could delay after-wards to an inordinate and inex-cusable extens—with impunity.

In those circumstances the court must seek a solution so far as it could consistently with what the House had said. The one

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in 1965 Mrs Biss was taken to lewisham Hospital with multiple scierosis. She lay paralysed on her back and developed bed sores. In 1966 she was transferred to Stoke Mandeville; the sores were healed; and she was able to walk with sticks.

While there she began to comnot knowing when it was going to be brought to trial. There came a time when a hospital was entitled to have some peace of mind and to regard an incident; as closed. It was a real prejudice to have an action banging over its head when the plaintiff was guilty of inord-inate and inexcusable delay after the issue of the writ; and the delay could properly be regarded as more than minimal. When that prejudice was added to the great and prejudicial delay before writ there was sufficient ground for dismissing the action for want of

> Applying that principle his Lordship was clearly of opinion that the present action should be dismissed. It would be an intolerable injustice to the hospital-and to the ourses and staff—to have to fight it out 12 years after the incident when they quite reason-ably regarded it as closed 11

In addition, it seemed n his Lordship that in Eirkett v ames the House had in mind only automs begun within the old period of limitation, and not acrous like the present for personal injuries which under the Limitation Art, 1965, and now under the Limit. 1965, and now under the Linuxmore than three years after the accrual of the cause of action Under the 1963 Act the plaintift could only start, such an action for personal injuries if the court for personal injuries if the court gave him leave; but under the 1971 Act leave was no longer required; and that Act applied there for it was by section 3(1) remospective. But even the 1975 Act did not give a plaintiff an unqualified legal right to start an action after three years. It depended on his state of knowledge and on whether it was leage and on whether it was aquitable; those were matters to be thrushed out at the trial.

Mr Roberts suggested that was the way to deal with delay nowadays—to let it be considered at the trial, and that on the application to dismiss all this should be considered was delay and prejudice since the writ.

His Lordship could not agree. It would submit the hospital to even greater injustice. They would have greater injustice. They would have to go to trial, not only on the issue of heghigence and damage alleged 12 years ago, but also on the issue of the plaintiff's knowledge and whether it was equitable to allow the action to proceed. If the House in Birkett a juntes had had in mind the 1975 Act (which now applied to all actions pending for personal injuries), his Lordship felt that they would have said that in cases injuries), his Lordship felt that they would have said that in cases where the action was started more than three years after the date on which the cause of achon accrued the court could look at the totality of the delay to see whether the defendant was seriously prejudiced by it.

The delay of more months was properly admitted to be inordinate and inexcusable, and it was also a serious prejudice to the hospital to have the action hanging over its head even for that time. On that simple ground the section that simple ground the accion should be dismissed for want of prosecution. The appeal should be

LORD JUSTICE GEOFFREY LANE, concurring, said that the judge had felt be was bound by the House of Lords to silow the

If one applied Lord Diplock's words on post-writ delays (at part at least no more than mar-ginal—prejudice since the issue of the present case, it might seem that write the present case, it might seem that the action should not be dis-missed; and it would follow that missed: and it would follow that the defendant might have 10 wait till the trial before obtaining a ruling that the plaintiff's delay was such that the action should not continue. By that time the defaudant would have incurred substantial costs which he might not be able to recover. His Lordship found it hard to believe that the court should be poweries to intervene to prevent such a manifest injustice.

Lord Justice Eveleigh delivered concurring judgment. Solicitors: Levert, Son & Bald-win, Bromley; Lewis Silkin & Purtners, Peckham.

The Secretary of State said that

he was only entitled to payment to the extent that there was no mitigation by other carnings; his loss had been entirely mitigated and nothing was owed to him.

The answer turned on the Contracts of Employment Act, 1972. Section 1 prescribed a minimum period of notice and section 2 and Schedule 2 an employer's rights to be paid during the notice period. Those provisions and the scheme of the Act suggested that the intention was to incorporate the statutory terms into the contract of employment, and that an employee who wished to enforce them would sue on his contract of employment as statutorily amended and not on the statute. Section 3 put the matter beyond doubt: it provided that if an employer failed to give the required notice "the rights conferred by section 2... shall be taken late account in assessing his liability for breach of contract."

Section 3 plainly assumed that an employee's remedy was to pro-

We hardly expected Monsieur Vignon and his wife to tell us about girls' legs and the Folies-Bergère.

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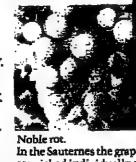
And if the people, the third vital factor in the production of wines, are slightly more serious and less exuberant than those of other French regions, then so are their wines. There are no 'amusing little wines' in Bordeaux.

Many of the characteristics of the great Châteaux reds also apply to the white wines of the region. And it was these that we went to discover. We found a surprising variety.

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The sweet ones, especially, are also very full-bodied. Madame Vignon pointed out one of the characteristics of a full-May. The new shoots will grow three times this high.



are picked individually as wine-but perfectly complementary.

sweet wine with any dry meat, fish, and even cheese, especially a strong blue one like Roquefort! Amazingly, he wouldn't drink Sauternes with a dessert. At the end of three glorious days in Bordeaux, visiting vineyards, cellars and of course tasting the wine, we

Ah! perfection!

M. Dupont told us that he would drink

The wooden casks can be 8ft, high,

the stacks of bottles even higher.

spiked with garlic-he served Sauternes!

The combination was unusual for us-

we'd thought of Sauternes as a dessert

contrast of dry Graves with a fairly

sweet freshwater fish.

To begin with, we experienced the

With the main course-roast-chicken

A sunny day in Sauternes.

clung to the insides, and formed

'girls' legs'. "Look," she exclaimed,

to dinner by Monsieur Dupont,

That evening we were invited

little rivulets which she called

giving her glass another twirl,

"the Folies-Bergère"

got a few surprises.

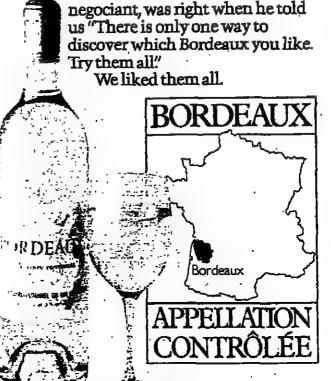
things. Firstly, it's a shame to limit your experience of wine by saying, for example, "Oh, I only like dry wine" We now have a much wider view.

had, above all, learnt two



in the Premières Côtes de Bordeaux.

Secondly, there are few rules. You drink what you like with what you want. Or you drink it just as a drink. Bordeaux whites are particularly good chilled, as an aperitif or just as a refreshing summer drink. They have the quality of making you want to sip, and go on sipping. Monsieur Gilbert, another



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No loss, no compensation

Secretary of State for Employment v Wilson Before Mr Justice Phillips, Mrs D. Laucaster and Mr L. D. Cowan [Judgment delivered November 11]

An employee who claimed com-pensation from the Secretary of State for Employment for dia-missal without notice, the em-ployers having subsequently gone into liquidation, was only entitled to the amount of compensation less the sum earned from new employers during the notice period

period

The Employment Appeal Tribunsl allowed an appeal by the
Secretary of State from a decision
of a Manchester industrial ribunal last Februsry that Mr A. G.
Wilson was enritled to 5240, the
sum to which be would have been
entitled had he received the
correct notice; one month.

Mr Peter Scott for the Secretary of State. Mr Wilson did not appear and was not represented

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS, reading the judgment, said that three
days after Mr Wilson's dismissal
without notice on March 19, 1976,

withour notice on March 19, 1975, he started work with a new company on the same terms. On April 21 his old employer went into voluntary liquidation. Hed he received the proper notice he would have been entitled to be paid for the notice period at the rate of £60 a week.

Because of the insolvency of his employer Mr Wilson claimed against the Secretary of Stare under sections 64 and 66 of the Employment Protection Act, 1975.

an employee's remedy was to proceed by way of a claim for damages
for breach of contract and that in
quantifying his loss the rights
conferred by section 2, would be
taken into account. In followed
that the amount of damages would
have to be reduced by his earnings during the notice period. Mr
Wilson had suffered no loss and
he had no claim. The appeal would
be allowed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor-

Encouraging a fracas

Regina v Gedge A youth who waved his arms and shouted encouragement to his friends in a fraces between two gangs who were throwing stones at each other and thereby breaching the peace was held by the Court of Appeal to have been rightly convicted of using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour whereby a breach of the peace was likely to be occasioned, contrary to section 5 of the Public Order Act, 1936. MR JUSTICE TALBOI, who was string with Lord Justice Orr and Mr Justice Mais, ead that although a charge under section 5 was only appropriate where the words or behaviour were preparatory to a breach of the peace. In the present case there had not been instead of the peace.

separate breaches. Inflammatory words likely to occasion a breach of the peace might be more likely to produce that effect where breaches were actually raking place. Any further insulcing words, might add fuel to the flames. It was not true to say that worlds. was not true to say that ectlott.

5 was not designed to cover the present type of situation...

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November 15: The Queen held an investing at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Her Majesty Jeld a Council at 12.40 o'clockt this aftermoon.

There were present: The Right Hon Michael Foot, MP (Lord President), the karoness Liewelyn-Davies of Hastole (Captain of the Gendementat Arms), the Right Hon Reginald. Freeson, MP (Minister for Housing and Congraction) and the Right Hon Reville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hop Michael Foot, MP, that an addience of The Queen before the Council.

Air James Hamilton, MP (Vice-Chamberiain of the Household) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented in Address from the House of Commons. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was safely delivered of a son at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, at 10.45 am today. Her Royal Highness and her son are both doing took.

Signed: R. I. S. Bayliss, C. A. Chestle, D. R. Harvey, George Pinker.

A Salute of 1 guns was fired for the Tower of Lance Salute of the Tower of Lance Salute.

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A Salute of 41 guns was fired from the Tower of London Saluting Battery this afternoon by the Honourable Antillery Company, under the command of Major T. F.

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE
November 15: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother today honoured
the Honourable The Irish Society
with her presence at Luncheon at
the Irish Chamber, Guiddhall Yard,
The Duches of Abercom, Sir
Martin Gillia; and Sir Reigh
Angruther, It, were in attendance.

ance.
Queen Rikabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Concert given in aid of the Musicians' Benevoleng Fund at St James's Palace.

The Hon Mrs John Mothodiand and Major John Griffin were in arrendance.

The Hon Mrs John Mutholiand has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to der Majorty.

YORK HOURE
November 5: The Duchess of Kent, Pstruc of the Spastics Society, today visited the London Office of the Society at Park Crescure.

Mas Peter Wilmot-Sixwell was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, Order of St John, well pre-sent trophies at the Grand Prior's trophy first aid competition at Seymour Hall, London, on Novem-ber 29.

The Duke of Rent will visit London Weekend Television at Kant House on December 5. The Duchess of Kent will visit the new hadquarters of the North Yorkshire police at Newby Wiske and the County Hirsty at North-ellecton of December 1.

A memorial service for Mr. Vincetn Mulchrone will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Thursday, November 24, at noon.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev Dr C. R. Claxeon, 74; Air Vice-Masshal Sir Conrad Coller, 82; Sir Alan Hiromen, 74; Dr R. M. B. MacKenne, 74; Mr Norman Masshall, 76; Lord Redmayne, 67; Professor R. C. Sucliffe, 73; Sir Edward Tomkins, 62; Professor B. A. Wortley, 70.

Feltmakers Company The Lord Rayer was presented with his carenonial but by the Master of the Feltmakers' Company, Mr. 7. P. Keens, accompanied by the Wardens and the Clerk, at the Massion House yesterday.

Royal College of Music

During a visit to the Royal Col-lege of Ausic on November 23, Queen filizabeth the Queen Mother wil confer fellowships on : Mr Oliver wil confer fellowships on :
Mr Oliver Davies, keeper of portraits
and sphemers and pismo professor;
Professor wond Nickson, head of de-partment of music, Ouesnahad Univer-bity; Mr Iropold de Rothschild, Chair-le, it he annua Can a recreasure and Music Society; Professor Bring Trowell, Gresham Professor Bring Trowell, Gresham Professor at Music, London Quiversity.

Today's engagements

Oday's engagements

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attends mayoral reception, Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall, 9.30 pm.

The Doks of Kent visits factory of Moths Ltd and opens Handy Cross Sports Centre, High Wycombe, 11.15; as President of Foocall Association, attends World up match between England an Italy, Wembley, 7.30.

St Margase Pattens, Eastcheap: Talk by Dr G, Huelin, "Looking at It John's Gospel, 7", 1.10.

Terrorica and Albert Museum:

1.10.
Victoria ind Albert Museum:
Crafts Advisory Committee
exhibition, "Say when", 10-6.
BBC recial: Choppin, Gordon
Fergus-Dompson, piano, Concert Hal, Broadcasting House,
1.05.
Canada Huse Gallery, Trafalgar
Square: Norman McLaren,
animato, 9.30-5.
Walk: Choses of the Ciry, meet Walk: Glosts of the City, meet St Pauls station, 7.30.

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Mr G. R. Ballantine and Miss E. P. Glancy and Miss E. P. Glancy
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. S. Ballantine, of Linkswood, Barnton Avenue, Edinburgh, and Etsine, daughter of the lare Major T. R. Glancy, MBE, and Mrs Glancy, of Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr R. W. A. Bray and Miss J. E. M. Ferguson and Miss J. E. M. Ferguson
The engagement is announced
between Richard, son of Mr and
Mrs W. Bray, of Frith Hill, Great
Missenden, and Judith, youngest
daughter of Mr C. B. Ferguson
and the late Mrs Mercia Ferguson,
of Dumfries, Scotland.

Mr J. J. M. Gaint and Miss B. J. Jamison and Miss B. J. Jamison

The engagement is announced between John Jeremy Milnes, only son of Dr and Mrs John Gaunt, of Washington, DC, and Healey-ou-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Brenda Joyce, younger daughter of Mrs G. Adair Jamison, of Dayton, Pennsylvania. The marriage will take place in May in the United States.

Mr P. W. G. Egerton-Smith and Miss H. D. C. Harcourt
The engagement is announced of Peter William Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. L. E. Egerton-Smith, Beaulieu, Leicester Road, Hale, Cheshire, to Helena Deirdre Christian, daughter of Dr and Mrs R. G. Harcourt, Richmond Cottage, Braywood, Oakley Green, Windsor, Berkshire.

Mr T. A. G. Jeffery and Miss P. V. Wood and Miss P. V. Wood

The engagement is announced
between Alan Jeffery, of The Barn,
Warningcamp, Arundel, Sussex,
and Pamela Vivian, only daughter
of the late Mr Chifford H. Wood
and of Mrs Inene W. Wood, of 5
The Street, Wattisfield, near Diss,
Nortolk.

Mr P. R. G. Johnston and Miss J. M. Saunders The engagement is announced between Francis Rupert Gerald Johnston, Coldstream Guards, eidest son of Major James Johneitest soit of Major James Johnston, of Shamley Wood, Shamley Green. Surrey, and the late Mrs Johnston, and Jane Morley Saunders, daughter of Mr C. M. Saunders, of Ladyford Farm, Kendal, Cumbria, and of Mrs Merritt Ruddock, of San Francisco, Callfornia, United States.

Mr D. Lees and Miss F. S. Balme
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Dr Brian Lees and Mrs K. P. Lees, of Kingswear Court, Dartmouth, and Fenella Susan, caughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs David Bakne, of Lisie Court Hoose, Lymington.

Memorial service Lord Hollenden

Lord Hollenden

A memorial service for Lord
Hollenden was held in Southwark
Cathedral yesterday. The Very Ray
Barold Frankham, provost, officisued, assisted by Canon Peter
Penwarden, the Rey John Barnes,
the Rev Tim Jones and the Ray
Anthony Thorpe. The Earl of
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vangelist.

End St. John E. Mas or Dogs, access to London.

Discress of Bristo?

The following to be honorary canons of Bristo! Cathedrai: the Rev J. C. Norton. Vicar of An Saints. Chinorative Rev J. S. Smith. Vicar of St. Albans. Westbary Part; and the Rev A. G. Baker. St. C. Wolser, Vicar of Wroughing.

Discress of Nerwich

The Rev A. G. Baker. Vicar of Abbay frown. Carline, to be Rector of the Rev A. G. Baker. Vicar of Abbay frown. Carline, to be Rector of the Rev K. Hembardson, district secretary for East Anglis for the British and Foreign Ebbs Society, to be Minister of the Conventional District of Bowthorpo.

Resignations

of Bowmores.

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The Rey G. B. Humphreys, Rector
of Fobbing, diocese of Chekmerler
(Anvil 30, 1978).
The Rev R. J. Skillerin, Vacar of Si
Mary of Newsreth, West wickhem,
diocese of Camiesbury (Mercil 1978).
The Rev T. Morgan, Vicar of Pipe
Cunt Lyde with Merston on Lags,
diocese of Hervford (November 30), **Baptist Union**

The Park. Bromley, to the property of the Park. Bromley, to the Park Bromley. The Rev Edgar Wright, association, to Ferndale Road. Southern-on-Sea. The Rev Jam Binney, Newbridge, to Milcham Lane. West Streathen. The Rev Rowland Cole, Defentament New North Road, Haddersmith, and the new your. to New North Road, Haddersines, and the New York Road, Haddersines, which have been supported by the Road Support Series North Hadder Road, I January.

The Rev Robert Scott, Maraden Road, South Shields, to be general secretary of the Evangelization Society, from November 1.

25 years ago

From Our Own Correspondent From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Nov 14.—The preparatory
committee for the new Lufthanss,
the German airline corporation,
has recommended that it should
have an initial capital of 150m
marks. To start the proposed
European and overseas services 12
two-engined and 12 four-engined
aircraft will be necessary, and the
committee advises that only firstclass airliners be acquired from
foreign manufacturers. The future
German airways, the committee
declared, must have regard for
the country's transport needs and the country's transport needs and the requirements of its economy, especially its foreign trade. For these reasons there must be adequate air links with the United States, South America, the Middle and For Fore and Africa as well. and Far East and Africa as well as with the leading European countries. The committee thinks

The Rev J. H. Lewis and Miss M. A. Gage
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the Rev J. B. Lewis and the late Mrs. E. I. Lewis, of Ludchurch Recroty, Dyfed, and Marilyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Gage, of Bainbridge Island, Washington, United States. States.

Mr P. R. Maguire
and Miss E. Neorduyn
The engagement is amounced
between Patrick Robert, elder son
of Mr and Mrs A. V. Maghire, of
Little Waltham, Essex, and Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.
W. Noorduyn, of Brasschaat,
Belgium.

Mr J. W. G. Parsons, RWF ma Miss M. C. Parsons, NWF
ma Miss M. C. Parsons, The engagement is announced
between James W. G. Parsons,
The Royal Weich Fusiliers, only
son of Dr and Mrs J. W. Parsons,
of Western House, Pershore, Worcestershire, and Mary Claire, only
daughter of Reverand L. and Mrs
Roose Francis, of Hilmarton Vicarage, Calne, Wiltshire.

Mr C. Prentice
and Miss M. J. King
The engagement is aumounced
between Chriscopher, younger son
of Mr and Mrs R. R. Prentice, of
Standish, Merstham, Surrey, and
Marie-Josephine, only daughter of
Mr J. A. Ring, of Washington,
D.C., and Countess Marie-Rose
Bocca, of Turin, Italy.

Mr K. M. Schwerdifeger and Miss G. E. Stowell
The engagement is announced between Klans Martin, son of Mr and Mrs J. Schwerdifeger, of Munich, and Grace Esme, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. E. Stowell, of Ollerton, Cheshive.

Mr A. G. Tindal
and Miss S. P. Enilron
The engagement is announced
between Anthony, youngest son of
Group Captain and Mrs N. H. J.
Tindal, of Dromana, Villierstown,
co Waterford, and Penelope, eldest
daughter of Mr and Mrs N. L. T.
Raikon, of Chaseley House,
Etchinghill, Staffordshire.

Mr N. W. Wells and Miss M.-L. Ward
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Maicolm Wells, of 100 Palace Gardens Terrace, London, W8, and Marie-Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Ward, of Hunters Lodge, Freezeth, Sudbury, Suffolk.

Marriage

Dr P. G. Hiley and Miss P. Graham-Helwig The marriage mok place in Khartum, on Thursday, November 10, between Dr Peter Graham Hiley, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S. El. Hiley, of 57 Glanmor Park Road, Swansea, and Miss Penelope Graham-Helwig, only danginer of Mr and Mrs H. Graham-Halwig, of Eynsford, Kent.

Lady Brabourse, the Hon Such and Mrs Astor, the Mon Mrs Faul Asquith, fire Edward Chadwych-Hoaley, Sir Lestie Farrer, Lady Gascoigne, Lady Lady Gascoigne, Lady Hadlad, Countaines and Lady Hadlad, Countaines and Lady Hadlad, Countaines are Allan Noble, Lady Pridence, Mr Allan Noble, Lady Brance, Mr G. R. C. Shepsard, Mr Lady Hadlad, Mr Lady Had

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Mr M. G. E. Panison-Ellis, MA,
Secretary (academic administration) at Strathclyde University,
has been appointed registrar and
secretary in succession to Mr
G. A. Chadwick, who has retired.

Spastics Society award The Spastics Society is inviting nominations for its 1977 Achievement Award for spastic people. Anyone who knows a spastic person deserving to be considered should send details to Mrs Nina Heycock, 27-33 Harrington Gardens, London, SW7 4JT.

From The Times of Saturday, Nov 15, 1952 Lufthansa revived

countries. The committee thinks that it would take four years for the new airways to become fully operational, and six years for the corporation to become self-supporting. Dr Seebohm, Minister of Transport, has approved the report, and the founding of the parent corporation is expected this month.



Jubilee honours: Mr Dickie Henderson, the at Buckingham Palace. Sir Noel Murless, the actor and comedian (top), with his wife and racehorse trainer (below) with his wife and daughter, Linda (left), after he had received daughter, Mrs Henry Cecil, received the badge the insignia of an OBE at yesterday's investiture of a knight bachelor.



Block-book is sold for £180,000

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent H. P. Krans, of New York, paid fi80,000 (estimate £35,000 to £50,000) at Sotheby's yesterday for a fifteenth-century block-book, the second highest anction price on record for any printed book, Only Andubon's Birds of America, with its decorative plates, has gone higher, a copy reaching £207,058 in New York in May.

Block-books, which are expended.

in New York in May.

Block-books, which are extremely rare, are the earliest form of printed books, each page, whether text or illustration, being gouged from a wooden block. Sotheby's book was an Apocalysis Sancti Johannis, published in Germany, probably before 1470. It has 43 pages and 92 woodcuts coloured by a contemporary hand. The colouring has remained fresh and bright, making it exceptionally beautiful.

It was the star lot in the second day's sale of the Broxbourne Library, formed by Albert Ehrman (1830-1969). The book had passed through Sotheby's in 1947, when it fetched £6,300. The collection was formed to Illustrate the spread of printing through Europe, and the two-day sale made £701,445, with no useoid lots.

Sotheby's top estimates had totalled £338,000, less than half

with no unsold lots.
Southery's top estimates had totalised 1338,000, less than half the total realized. The second half of the library, including the Caxtons, is to be sold next spring. The sale also contained the Revelationes Sanctae Brigitus printed in Lübsck for the Brigitus printed in Lübsck for the Brigitus Wadstens Monascery in 1452. Saine Brigitus (1303-1373) was declared the patron saint of Sweden in 1396; her prophecies of divine chastisement were very

Sweden in 1395; her prophecies of divine chastisement were very popular. The Revelationss went to Das Bücher Kabinet, of Hamburg, at £38,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000); another copy was sold at Sosheby's sale of wines and spirits at Hoperoun House, near Ethiburgh, on Monday night included five historic bottles of whisky at £135. The bottles, of old watted Glerdivet, had been on board the Firth of Cromarty, which was wrecked off the Wignownshire coast in 1898; they were recovered in 1974.

The first of a three-day sale being held by King and Chasemore at Goodwood House yesterday made £9,878, with 18 per cent unsold. An unusual feature was a group of 10 works by Elmyr de Hory, the renowned picture faker. Five found buyers and five did not.

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A marace scene in the style of Matisse and a surrealist study of Rockefeller building in the style of Léger made 1950 each. The other prices whether sold or not, ranged between 1700 and 1900. All were signed "Elmyr".

A Claristie's sale of Art Nouveau and Studio pottery included a rectangular stoneware bottle-wase by Bernard Leach. It stands 74 inches high and made an auction record price for his work at 11,500 (estimate 1500 to 1700), selling to Suita from Japan. The sale totalled 132,537, with 12 per cent unsold. cent unsold.

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr H. A. H. Cortazzi, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at the Carlton Tower hotel in honour of Mr Inron Rosyadi, a member of parliament from Indonesia. The Ambassador of Indonesia was among those present.

Bareness Elles, international chairman of the European Union of Women, entertained members of the British section at lunckeon in the House of Lords yesterday. The guest of honour was Sir Keith Joseph, MP, Miss Angela Hooper and Mrs Kathleen Builer (chairman of the British section) were among those present.

Reception

St Stephen's Clab
The Conservative Party's Small
Business Bureau celebrated its first
hirthday party at St Stephen's
Club last night when subscribers
attended a champagne reception.
The leader of the Conservative
Party, Mrs Margaret Thatcher,
cut the birthday cake and spoke
of the importance of small businesses in our community.

Service reception

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A reception was held at Fishmongers' Hall last night to mark
of the annual meeting of the
Company of Marchants of the City
mongers' Hall last night to mark
of the silver jubiles of the formation
of the Women's Royal Naval Reserve. Among those present were:
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Latest appointments include:
Mr G. M. O. Briegel, Deputy Circuit Administrator, South Eastern
Circuit, Lord Chancellor's Department, to be Deputy Master of the
Court of Protection, in succession
to Mr P. W. R. Currie, who is
reticing on Decamber 21.

Dean of Rochester Canon J. R. Arnold, aged 44, secretary of the Church of England General Symod's Board for Mission and Unity since 1972, has been appointed Dean of Rochester, in succession to the Right Rev Stanley Betts, who retired last summer.

£150,000 for centre

Junior Cariton Club
Members of the Political Council
of the Junior Cariton Club entertained Mr James Prior, MP, at
dinner last night. Mr David RoweHam, chairman of the positical
council, presided. Royal Institution of Chartered

Dinners

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
The annual dinner of the Chartered Quantity Surveyors was held at Grosvenor House last night. The President of the division, Mr D, R. Male, was in the chair, and other speakers included Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, and Mr M. I. Hussee. M. J. Hussey.

Stonyhurst Association Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Stonyhurst Association held last right at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, SW1.

Service dimner

The Royal Bussars (PWO)
The regimental dinner of The
Royal Bussars (PWO) was held
at the Cavalry Club last night.
Colonel Tom Hall, Colonel of the
Regiment, presided.

Meeting

Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh

redding on Decamber 21.

Mr G. W. Martin to be joint
County Court Registrar and Disrict Registrar of the High Court.
Northampton group.

Miss G. K. Bland, head of the
history department and senior
mistrass, Malvern Girls' College,
to be Headmistress of Stamford
High School from September 1.

The Ministry of Overseas Development has made a grant of £150,000, payable over three years, to Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford, the research centre into developing countries.

Latest wills

Big bequests to Masonic charities MASOTHE CHAITLES

Mr Hugh Romald Fraser, of Reading, left £428,728 net. After personal bequests be left £15,000 to various charites, £20,000 to Berkshire Masonic Centre, Sindlesham, two thirds of the residue to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and one third to the Royal Masonic Hospital. Mrs Bestrice Annette Prichard, of Dartford, left 5212,201 net. She left £10,000 to the Cancer Research Campaign.

Other estates include (net, beat tax paid; tax not disclosed): Chapman, Mr Frank Sheldon, of Ickford, farmer . £181,498 Ford, Mr William, of Rye £272,543 Lowe, Mrs Dorothy, of Congleton £185,899

Rose, Mr Jeffrey Arthur, of West-

Thursby, Mr William, of Sandwich Touche, Sir Norman George, of Dorking, barrister . £304,586

Science report

Biology: Hormone from artificial gene

According to reports from America, biologists in California have recently succeeded in making a synthetic gene for the human brain hormone somatostatin and inserting it into bacteria, where the hormone has been produced in milligram quantities. This is the first time an animal protein has been mydered from This is the first time an animal protein has been produced from a gene inserted into bacteria, and the achievement goes some way towards vindicating the claims of advocates of genetic engineering, who maintain that the techniques can be used for the cheap mass-production of medically important hormones and drugs.

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It was the potential practical importance of the advance that led to its antiouncement, before it had been officially published, at a United States Senate subcomplitee legulty into the need for legislation to repeated. communes industry into the freed for legislation governing research involving the manipulation of genetic material. Dr Herbert Boyer, of the City of Hope Medical Centre, who led the research ream, has been reluctant to discrete the many large and details. cass the work, and details are known only from hearsay.

known only from hearsay.

It seems that Dr Boyer and his collaborators took advantage of the fact that somatostatin is a relatively small molecule, a short protein-like chain only 18 submits in length (most proteins are about fifty times longer). They translated the subunt sequence of the protein chain back into the genetic code that specifies it, and then, because the sequence is relatively short, they were able chemically to synthesize the gene.

In order to induce the bacterium In order to induce the bacterium to translate the artificial gene into sometostatin, they spliced it into a bacterial gene that carries with it a genetic switch, or pro-moter, which turns on protein

production. The two genes and their promoter were in turn spiced into a small piece of gene-tic material known as a plasmid, with which bacteria can be infected.

Once inside the bacteria the plasmids multiplied and produced hybrid molecules consisting of somatostatin and protein made from the bacterial gene. The team used an emyme to cut the somatostatin free from the bacterial

That represents a very substantial advance on work earlier this year with insulin genes. A team at the University of California sucreeded in inserting an insuling gene (real, not arrificial) into a bacterum, but could not get the bacterum, but could not get the bacterium to produce insulin.

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There may be important advantages in using artificial genes instead of real ones. First, the genes of higher animals may be much more complicated than bacterial genes. In the genes of batteria, the sequence of the chemical submits of DNA is translated directly into the sequence of protein submits. But in animal genes, it now seems likely, the protein is not a direct reflection of the DNA.

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at least some animal genes contain sequences that are not translated into protein. Animal cells
presumably have the machinery to
understand such complex genes,
but bacteria have not. By making
simple artificial genes directly
from the protein sequence, blologists can offer the bacteria a
gene they can understand.

The second potential advantage The second potential advantage of synthetic genes is where a chemical analogue of a natural substance is a more effective or safer drug than the substance itself. In those cases, in principle,

a gene could be made to code for the analogue.

At this stage, however, it is not clear how traveral or how useful the new technique will be. First, it is practicable only for short proteins, and short proteins can be manufactured chemically. It is not yet clear whether the genetic techniques will be cheaper in the long run.

techniques will be cheaper in the long run.
Secondly, the ingenious chemical trick by which Dr Boyer and his colleagues released the somatostatin from the bacterial protein is not generally applicable, depending as it does on a peculiarity of the chemistry of somatostatin. Finally, as it hoppens, somatostatin has only very limited clinical value. It is an important neurohormone which suppresses the release of several printary hormones. Because of its effect hormones. Because of its effect on hormones that counteract the effects of insulin, it has been used in the treatment of diabetes. But it affects several other hormones it affects several other hormones as well, and changes the ability of the blood to clot, increasing the risk of haemorriage. For those reasons it is used only for diabetics who are resistant to insulin treatment (fewer than 5 per cent of patients) and then only under close supervision.

Analogues of somatostatin with more limited effects have been sought, so far without success, It may be that all the effects of the neurobormone are due to the same neurohormone are due to the same chemical feature and no active analogue exists. If it does, how-ever, it now seems possible that a "gene" for that analogue could be synthesized and made to fonction inde a besterium.

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OBITUARY

MR RICHARD ADDINSELL Composer of the 'Warsaw Concerto'

and incidental music, died on and the Showgirl, The Roman November 14 at the age of 73. Spring of Mrs Stone, and Green-He was perhaps most noted in recent years for what he wrote for Joyce Grenfell's various to his work in the theatre, writ-

of music for films such as South Riding, Love on the Dole, and Goodbye Mr Chips.

piece immediately became a ability to set words quite best seller, a luscious, neoromantic score attuned to the mood of the day. The Polish of more recent musical shows Prime Minister presented him was not for him, and in conwith the Silver Cross of Merit sequence his work had been for outstanding service to Poland in the field of music.

Mr Richard Addinsell, the After 1945 his successes in-well known composer of light cluded the scores for The Prince

ing the incidental music to such He was born on January 13, 1904, in London, and educated at Hertford College, Oxford; and the Royal College of Music. He began his career in the theatre by contributing to the Charlot Revues of 1926. He was soon in demand as a writer of music for films such as South Globe Revues, and Airs on a Shocstring, in most of which Joyce Grenfell and Max Adrian appeared. These led to Miss Grenfell's one-lady show, Joyce During the war he wrote the "Warsaw Concerto" for Dangerous Moonlight which started Anton Wabrook, and as played by Eileen Joyce the whole immediately hearned with the started was played by Eileen Joyce the whole immediately hearned with the subtle harmony and his whole immediately hearned with the subtle harmony and his whole was played by Eileen Joyce the warmony was played by Eileen Joyce Toronton, Joyce Greenell's one-lady show, Joyce Toronton, Joyce Toronton, Joyce Greenell's one-lady show, Joyce Toronton, Joyce Tor

PROFESSOR FRANCES MORAN

Professor Frances Elizabeth dictated at paralysing speed. Moram, who for 30 years was Included at paraysing speed.

These lectures were not marked by slavish adherence to the fessor of Laws at Trinity Collatest research, but rather taught the virtues of accuracy lege, Dublin, died on October 7 at the age of 83. She was a woman of dominant and law or in the use of English attractive personality who was not tolerated. As she took attractive personality who achieved success in a country which still has rather old-fashioned ideas about the place of women in society.

Born on December 6, 1893, the second daughter of Senator the second daughter of Senator James Moran, she was educated at Dominican College and Trinity before being called to the Irish Bar in 1924, at which she took silk in 1941. In 1925 she was appointed to the first of a succession of posts in the Lew School at Trinity.

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Fran Moran's lectures were rizorous affairs. She liked to begin at 9 am, and on the stroke of the hour her petite figure, heaunfully groomed, and clad in a rather formidable black silk garment, mounted the rostrom. A few well-directed rostrom. A few well-directed have been an addition to inter-questions on such topics as the Rule in Shelley's Case and the contingent Remainders Act, 1887, exposed the ignorance of the class, whose members are cours for the Instantial Instan

informed, the future lawyer might also find that any deviation from the high standards of behaviour to be expected of a member of a learned profession was rebuked in some storching phrase of the kind which comes easily to citizens of Dublin assessing each other's conduct

Law School at Trinity.

In 1932 she becam: Professor of Equity at the King's Inns and in 1934 was appointed Professor of Laws at Trinity. From these two positions she dominated Irish legal education, and won a place of peculiar respect and affection in the hearts not only of lawyers but of Trinity and few was made Regina Professor at Trinity, holding the chair until 1963. She retired from the King's Inns professorship in 1968.

Fran Moran's lacetters are the chair was always receptive to new ideas, and surprisingly tolerant of the changes suggested to her by the junior members. in her own college rooms. She was always receptive to new ideas, and surprisingly tolerant of the changes suggested to her by the junior members of her staff. Most suitably, she became the first woman to sit on the Board of the College. Her taste for adventure led her to actend the Nuremberg Trials (her comments on judges, counsel, and prisoners would 1887, exposed the ignorance of cours for the International the class, whose members were then quite content to accept an account of the law of property President.

MRS DOROTHY MOORE

Paul Levy writes:

Dorothy Moora, widow of the philosopher, G. E. Moore, OM, died on November 11 at the age of 85. She was the daughter of George Herbert Ely, who age of 85. She was the daughter of George Herbert Ely, who was half of a team who wrote adventure stories for boys under the pennams of Herbert Strang. Mrs Moore (few people ever called her saything else, possibly because she disliked her given names) had a passionate interest in children's literature, and when younger had ture, and when younger had run a pioneering children's book section in a Cambridge bookshop every Christmas.

She went up to Newsham, and in 1915 first met her hus-band when she attended his loctures. She also went to those played by Diana Rigg. Dorothy of Bertrand Russell and took Moore is survived by two sons, notes on each in parallel Nicholas, the poet, and Timothy, columns, with the intention of the composer, who is music masdiscovering which of the two ter at Dartington Hall School.

Ludwig Wittgenstein was a fre-quent caller, as were many— now well known—British and Like her husband. Moore smoked incessantly a large pipe—one of the oddities of her straightforward characof her straightforward character that made her the more loved by hundreds of people of several generations. Recently she relished, while deprecuting, the fact that Tom Stoppard had appropriated her name for the heroine of his play Jumpers, and that her namesake was played by Diana Rips Dorothy

MR R. H. HILL

Arthur Crook writes:

Bob Hill was very dear to his colleagues at the Old Printing House Square during his long period of unselfish devofrom the TLS. Oxford, local history, the Public Record Office, Shakespears and the English language shared that devotion. Its benefits were considerable not only to the style and content of the then anony-mous paper, but also to the

group of younger men and women whom he unored in the labyrinthine art of sub-editing high-level academics and tem peramental poets. Shy, unpretentious and sel-dom ruffled, he was content

to do one particular job super-larively well. Those who shared the credit of his contribution to the paper's standards will remain affectionally aware of their debt. M Marc Lalique, son and successor of Rene Lalique, founder of the art nouveau

Mr James B. Bennett, who was for nearly 20 years Bristol City Engineer, Surveyor and Plan-ning Officer, died on October 21. Formerly in similar posts at Swansea, he became an assistant commissioner of the Local Gov-ernment Staff Commission for the South-West Region in 1972.

crystalware firm, has died at the age of 78. Marc Lalique joined his father in 1922, took over the firm in 1945 and will be succeeded by his daughter. Marie-Claude.

Mr Harry Delman, president of Brisnol City Football Club, and its chairman for 25 years, died on November 9, at the age of 80. Mr Ernest William Cornish Wace CSI, CIE, late Indian Police, who died on November 5 at the age of 83, was formerly Inspector of Police, Punjab.

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Angus Wilson: a busy man for a writer who is 'not popular'

It looks as though it has been a busy year for Angus Wilson. Or, if you look more closely, a busy four years. Out last week was The Strange Ride of Rudyard Kipling (Secker & Warburg, £6.90), the life and works of the writer who has fascinated not only Angus Wilson in the past few years, but also Philip Mason and Kingsley Amis. During October Writers of East Anglia Secker & Warburg, £4.50) was also published, ponsored by the Eastern Arts Association, and selected and introduced by Angus Wilson. It is an anthology of writers, some well known, some not, of poetry and prose, from people who live in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Herrfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

As an East Anglian for the past 20 years (he lives near Bury St Edmunds), Angus Wilson found himself with 2,000 some contributions that he had invited. There is a poem from Hammond Innes, and a piece by Laurens van der Post on Edward Seago, the painter, One thing really struck him—the quality of writing by the old. An example of this is the work of a 73-year-old poet, Reg Drake. Another is an extract from a novel, Back Street Boy by Jack Overhill, who at 74, has written 30 novels, of which three have been published.

If there was a disappointment, it was that there were no entries to speak of from the universities, Cambridge or Essex, where he teaches. "I don't actually teach creative writing at the university, but I do talk to people about their novels and their stories, and none of these people sent anything."

In his youth, he remembers, people used to be published in university magazines. It is a puzzle. "But then I didn't start writing until I was 39. I wrote short stories, because I only had weekends to write in, and I couldn't write anything long. This is in fact true. I had to learn to write novels." The reppathy and encouragement for the

excple who sent him their work. was not until he left the British wascum, where he was deputy to the superintendent of the Reading Room, but the novels began. It is the planning and the research that takes the time. For the Kipling book, he has visited all the important scenes of Kipling's in-spiration. Early this year he had an spiration. Early this year he had an idea for a novel, and has spent the summer going round looking at baroque houses—he thinks he has now investigated all the Vaobrugh houses there are—and anyone interested in his methods and manuscripts will find them at Iowa University, in cardboard boxes containing a high proportion of cards and notes and a low proportion. cards and notes and a low proportion of actual manuscripts. It is only when the planning and note taking has finished that he begins to write—and does not look at the notes.

"In my last novel (As tf by Magic, 1973) the central figure was a rice geneticist-and I did an enormous amount of reading. For Late Call I spent a lot of time in new towns, going to meetings in Harlow." His books, he says, are social on the surface, though

he feels he is a romantic writer.

Apart from his novels, he has written studies of Zola (Emile Zola, 1950), Dickens (The World of Charles Dickens. 1970) and now Kipling. "I am drawn to all these people because I am not a popular writer", he declares "I wish I were!" Part of the reason for this, he thinks, is because his books are all quite different. Those who liked The Middle Age of Mrs Eliot, which was published in 1958, and won the James Tair Black Memorial Prize—might have felt at sea with The Old Men at the Zoo, and those who loved Late Call might not have cared for Anglo-Saxon Attitudes. But he stays in print, and in paperback, and finds it ironic that as a former librarian, he is now in the forefront of the battle for public lend-

"a black poet". Dickens was the most confident writer of the three, though what Mr Wilson is deeply attracted to is "the baroque funerary note—the extraordinary grotesquerie to do with grief and mortality". Kipling Is, of course, the post Darwinian In the trio. A stint as visiting professor at the University of Delaware is also encompassed in the busy year. But by next summer he hopes to have finished his new novel, and has yet another in mind. He writes out of doors, and has he was not be the much loved. as much as he can, in the much loved and picturesque "wild" garden surrounding his country home. It sounds idyllic. But the world is not forgotten. He is more than concerned—even deeply warried—by the development of political violence against racial minorities. In the 1930s he protested against Mosley, going to the East End himself to take part, knowing what terrible things were happening in Germany.

It is not only developments in the violence of politics that worry him. Among the 2,000 manuscripts for Writers of East Anglia "there was one element that really disturbed me—a number of stories that were horror comic with absolutely nothing funny in them at al.—I am sure all derived from Polanski and Hirchcock. Sick Jokes—but

A soaking wer cat shoots into the room. The horrors recede. Every year is a busy year for a writer who, though perhaps, as he says himself, is not popular, in the sense of mass sales, film and television rights, vast paperback contracts, is celebrated in this country and abroad as that increasingly rare phenomenon, the man of letters.

Philippa Toomey



Take French leave for Christmas shopping in Calais

You can spend a day, or much of it, plainer glassware because it wasn't plain Christmas shopping in Calais for £5 enough, but it was relatively cheap. return (children are £3.80 each). You might wonder why, when so many shoppers are invading our shores and stores
—but, after ali, £1 does buy you just a shade more in French franca, and the fare is a bargain in any case, since the Dover-Calais crossing on Townsend Thoresen ferries is normally £2.60 more

Of course, there are other Dover-Calais runs, such as British Rail's Sea-link and Hoveriloyd's hovercraft. I took the cutprice TT route and must point out right here that only the prices are cut, not the services. There are duty-free shops on board, which take only British currency, but I suggest leaving the purchases for the return journey. From Caiais, TT runs a bus to the

Continent Hypermarket outside the town. Now I happen to think that a hypermarket negates all that is traditional about French shopping, which is based on the daily visit to shops if only for the fresh bread and cheese. But the hypermarket expertise is originally French and, since Carrefour started the epidemic in the Lyons area, hypermarkers have flourished until there were, by late September, 385 of them in France, employing more than 70,000 people, while the average bill at the checkout comes to about £15 per cus-

So much trade had been filtering away from small shopkeepers that a kind of halt was called last year and planning permission was granted to only how new hypermarkets. But the Government has been forced to under that ment has been forced to admit that inflation in food prices has become so rampant that more hypermarkets will once again be encouraged because they do hold prices down by the surest means of all, the force of competition. From which you can deduce that the prices on the Continent are enviable.

And so they are by French standards, but it is important to remember that we are still enjoying cheap prices in most merchandise here in Britain—and please do not write to take me to task for saying this, because it is absolutely true. I said it once on radio and was bombarded with denials, but the facts

Bicycles are undoubtedly superb value—the French are historically good at making bicycles for a population that takes to two wheels rather more than we ages and sizes while a racing bike, in parts all laid out and ready to be assembled by the enthusiast, will cost 160. Children's convertible trike-bikes are from £7 for the real toddlers, who will probably never need the removal of the side wheels which operates the conversion. It would be more sensible to buy convertibles at about £13, which should take a child up to about six years old or maybe a little longer. Incl. dentally you can take home only £50 per person in gifts, apart from the duty-free stuff, so take the family with you if you plan bike-buying.

Glassware is also good value. The Cristal d'Arques is variable. Much of it s about 50 per cent cheaper than in Britain, some of it is closer to United Kingdom prices. Whisky tumblers with heavy bases decorated with crystal cuts are excellent value at about £1.50 each, sold in packs of four or six. Wine glasses and goblets, not to everyone's taste but on the whole slender and elegant, are equally good value in various shapes and sizes. The brandy goblets, however, were roughly 30p less than in England. I didn't much like the

Le Creuset cookwares—now there vou

can save. Lovely lime greens stand out from the familiar yellows and reds and oranges, and the streamlined shapes are tempting. A top-of-the-cooker roasting pan has a concave lid with studded undersides to make sure that the selfbasting keeps the flavour and the moist-ness—just lift the lid a little to one side near the final stages of top reast-ing. This at £10 or £11, was undoubtedly £3 to £4 cheaper than in most shops here, and other Le Creuset showed proso be prepared.

Wines and cheeses, among the best buys in Calais, were well enough priced at the Continent, but I think you do at the Continent, but I think you do
better in the town's shopping streets,
to which the coach can take you. In
fact, it might be worth spending most
of the day here unless you want the
bargains already mentioned. At Prisunic
you will not find bicycles, but you will
find an imaginative choice of foods.
Pure pork pare was on special offer
when I was there as were nice round. when I was there, as were nice round cardboard boxes of Brie, Camembert, as well as a variety of cheeses we do not often see over here and the more familiar ones, are usually cheaper, but you would need to buy a good many to effect substantial savings. However, the packaging is so good and so ethnic that you will be tempted but do take care either to give your present early—
say when you go to visit before Christmas—or to be sure you can keep the
cheeses in your fridge until you can give them away or eat them yourselves. Even a packet of crisps can be an original present with French packaging.

Fancy biscuits and wafers are something we do very badly compared with the French. Their sweeter biscuits, like small orange, lemon, various fruit and mint flavours, are delicious for elevenses, tea or after dinner, and can make a simple fool or mousse look as well as taste more delicious. The selection is huge, the prices not too small, but you are buying a different taste. The French also know what to do with sweets, on which the children can surely be unleashed a little at Christmas time. bought little plastic aeroplanes and a couple of lorries and containers packed with sweets rather like Smarties but a lot prettier. There were masses of these plastic, sweet-filled toys, all quite cheap, as well as some rather quaint little plastic baskets of wild strawberries (sugary simulations, that is). A real basket would have been desirable, but

would have cost more. There is also a greater choice of plonks at Prisunic, and you should be able to buy three bottles for less than £1 total. However, in the interests of saving too much weight-lifting I would recommend buying your plonks in the plasticized cardboard containers that are sold by most grocers and smaller supermarkets. You may want to buy better wines but do be warned—the great marques and the good wines are often cheaper in Britain than in France.

Children's and baby shoes are tempting, as they should be because they are so much nicer than over here. Minute boots for toddlers and really adult shoes are not necessarily all that cheap-from about f4 and very rapidly be-coming f7 for better designs and makes; but they are so original. Track shoes, plimsoils and sports shoes gener-ally are certainly cheaper over there. A loaf or two, whether a French stick or not (the other French loaves are delicious) is a nice finisher for the



pates and cheeses. French butter is cheaper here than there but you might fall for the gingham-wrapped kilos in baskets because they look so mouthwatering. Having struggled on board with your wares, you can still buy the litre of spirits (or two of fortified wines and aperitifs); the 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250 grammes of tobacco; the 9 fluid ounces of toilet water; and the three litres of rable wine—although it sometimes pays to wine—although it sometimes pays to take extra and pay the duty, for it still could be cheaper by anything from 20p to 50p per bottle to do that. The allowances are not permitted to children under 17, by the way.

The crossing takes 90 minutes and you can eat or drink on board. If you can do it in comfort, I would suggest the car to Dover-ferries run

taking the car to Dover—ferries run from 7.05 am and return up to about 9 pm. Remember that French time is one hour ahead of ours and do take good, strong capacious bags with you. Banks on the ships will change your money and, if you have no passport or independent passport, identity cards can be arranged at Dover if you allow a little extra time.

From November 26. Townsend Thoresen will be combining with National Travel to run coaches to the boots from a number of selected pick-up places round South London. Depending on how far out of London you live, the departures vary from 7 am at Thornton Heath to 3.10 at Crayford Loach Station, and 8.10 at Crayford Coach Station, and you get back at any time from 23.10 to 21.55 You would cauch the 10.50 ferry over, lose the hour for clock differences, and still get in plenty of shopping and lunching hours before getting back for the 19.15 return ferry home with supper aboard. With coach,

pates and cheeses. French butter is the total return fare is £10.25 or £5.15 cheaper here than there but you might for children. Details from booking fall for the gingham-wrapped kilos in agents or TT, 1 Camden Crescent, Dover, Kent.

Apart from the hypermarket, shop

mainly in or around the rue Royale and the Boulevards Jacquard and Lafayette (a map of Calais will be given to you on the boat together with information leafiers about the place). Covered market day in the large square at the seaside end of the rue Royale is Wednesday, but an open market near the Casino operates on Thursday and Satur-

Wrappings are poor for the most part, so have a collection of plastic bags with you, besides the big shopping bags—whreled trolleys would be a good idea. If perisnables are on your list, remember that you cannot bring back any root vegetable and no raw meat, but the fish is fresh and cheap so struggle back with some to go with all the other foods and "dine out" at home Lianty. on the day after you get back. In any case, despite the obvious fact that you can cover the cross Channel fare very easily but will find it less easy to cover the fares or petrol to Dover by dutyfree or cheaper shopping, do not look upon this purely as a shopping trip but a spree. Go with someone who will laugh with you sightsee with you and eat and shop with you a la Française. As such, it is really a worthwhile day off that is, if just as exhausting, almost as good as a holiday. If you can take a few days of the latter, get a list of hotels with prices, of restaurants and of things to see in Calais from the Tourist Office, 12 Boolevard Clemenceau, 62100 Calais. Or telephone Calais

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A joyful bazaar of comic invention

The Comedy of Errors first the one, then the second set of twins. Aldwych

speare landed them with. There is tumbling, dance, escapes across the square on a highwire and Mr Nunn's own songs with music by Guy Woolfenden and, of course, there are the twin brothers, Antipholus and Drumio of Ephesus.

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Though the twins manage to

look remarkably alike; with koger Rees, as the Syracuse Ned Chaillet

An Italian village square bedecked with trinkets and tourist goods is as likely as any place for an updated musical version of The Comedy of Errors to take clowns with his mobile face place. In Trevor Nimn's already lauded production, which Irving Wardle reviewed in Stratford last year, those "boys from Syracuse", Annipholus and his slave, Dromio, find more than the multiple confusions Shakespeare landed them with. There is tombling, dance, escapes across the square on a highjoke slip past her without win-ningly telegraphing it to the

There is such talent in the company and there are enough in Mr Numi's production the Royal Shakespeare Company is seen ar nearly full strength with hardly a slack performance even in the back of the chorus, and because it is a musical the chorus has much more to do than carry the plot along. When the twins from Syracuse first begin to be mistaken for their Ephesus look-a-likes there are bargirls and waiters to witness the confusion. By the time the confusion. By the time the confusion. By the time the confusion baye been caught up in the confusion, the entire willage is in pursuit of this play. clever bits of business, enough



Pippa Guard and Judi Dench

Lynda Russell/Fiona Kimm Purcell Room

Barry Millington

By a happy chance the winner and runner-up of this year's Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Prize have voices that blend almost to perfection. On Monday in the Purcell Room they followed up a joint recital broadcast by the BBC in September with a similar pro-

gramme of songs and duets.

Lynda Russell, the soprano of the duo, has an affecting, en-ticing quality in her voice. Fiona Kimm contributes a rounded mezzo to the partnership, a rich tone suggesting a maturity beyond her years. In Purcell's duet Elegy upon the Death of Queen Mary with which they opened, the overlapping of the parts drew attention to the likeness of their timbres without making one feel that there was any lack of individuality.

Billy Budd New, Cardiff Kenneth Loveland

It was with Michael Geliot's production of Billy Budd in 1972 that the Welsh National started their run of successes in operas of the more recent twentieth century. Its revival on the opening night of the ovember season found Roger Butlin's sets, rebuilt after last , year's fire, again strongly evocative of the days of sail, and Mr Geliot's production once more distinguished by the realism with which it deals with the disustrophobic inner conflicts on HMS Indomitable, its sharply delineated procession of contrasted characters, and its careful build up and

A penetrating production of Billy Budd must take its emotional clues from the design of measuremental sonorities with which Britten takes Herman Melville's people beyond the limitations of literature, giving nuances to their motivation that are denied by the confines of words, and the success of the Wesh production is that one is always aware of the relationship between a shifting dramatic emphasis and the changing colours of the orchestral textures.

Richard Armstrong secured playing from the Welsh Phil-

harmonia, which despite marginal imprecisions drew attention to those orchestral strokes which cause the imagination to say, such as the plaintive saxophone after the flogging, the illuminating sequence of chords as Vere invisibly tells Billy the court's verdirt, the hint of a slowly rocking sea watching ourside when Vere and his officers meet in the captain's cabin, and the flickering woodfigures which so often remind us that, somewhere above, seabirds circle and sea chorus singing was not only wonderfully excling at close quarters; it was also baunting as a distant backcloth to Vere's

Dvořák's Three Moravia

Duets, Op 3, and a selection of five duets by Brahms had the singers encompassing with

assurance a range of expression

from the skittish Ja, auf dem Donau Strom of Dvorák to the

drams of Brahms's Weg der Liebs in which they opened out into full-throated cry.

Miss Russell's sequence

Schubert's lieder was notable for Die Vögel and Selegkeit which exploited the ingenuous note in her voice, and Nur wer die selmsucht kennt and Dubist die Ruh which demonstrated her control of long

bist die Ruh which demon-strated her control of long melodic lines. After an impres-sive interpretation of Debussy's Chansons de Bilitis from Miss

Kimm the programme ended with the Brahms duets and appropriately Die Schwestern, in which the words speak of the similarity of the two singers.

This pair radiate in their per-formance as much enjoyment as

Brahms's two sisters and they clearly have the ability to go a long way, either solo or in tandem.

Thomas Allen's study of Billy Thomas Amers saudy or only has gained in observation of detail, and is now even more expressively sung than before, zestfully breezy in his farewell to his old ship, tenderly poignant as he explores the moving simplicity of the ballad, and generally radiating the fresh. generally radiating the fresh innocence that invites destruction. Forbes Robinson's Clag-gart is again a calculated study in cold evil, and there are many gifted sketches in support.

Illness caused Nigel Douglas to make a late withdrawal, and Stuart Kale had to sing Vere with score in hand. It was a plucky effort, and whenever he could permit himself the freedom to expand, enough was heard to suggest that he should now be given a scheduled

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



Secret rituals from the Aborigines—David Gulpilil in The Last Wave

Paris Film Festival pursues its unconventional course

Paris is more concentrated than London. With five saidthan London. With five audinoria in the luxurious Empire
Cinems in the Avenue Wagram
screening continuously throughout the day, and additional
market shows in three viswing
theatres near by, there is little
chance of patronizing such
ferther-fluor side events as
week-long tributes to Jacques
Prévert, Raymond Queneau,
John Cassavetes, Abel Gance,
Marcel Hanoun and the famous
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This year's desdivel was particularly notable: for films emerging from under various clouds. The Mina Cycle, directed by Darius Mehrini, the American-educated Iranian director of The Cow and The Postman, has been banned by the censors since 1974, presumably on account of the very unfinentering picture it effords of the lives of some at least of the Shah's subjects. The hero is a shillage lad who brings the ailing and tiresome old father to the city. Around the bospital he falls in with back-street he fails in with back-street racketters trading in infected blood extracted on the cheap from drunks, junkes and the sick and needy of the city. Cheerful, energetic and unhampered by moral quality, the too, of getting rich at the cost of those even less fortunate than himself. It is a bitter parable about the inevitable corruption of innocence in an underprivileged society, told with vitality and a fine sense of narrowive and character.

It is harder to see why Vere Chytilova's The Apple Game has bad troubles with the Czech authorities (it was withdrawn from the July Berlin festival without explanation), unless it is that in the current political atmosphere bureaucrats simply suspect any film which recaptures something of the vitality and satirical edge of the Czech film renascence that ended abruptly in 1968. A simpler explanation that has been suggested is that the Prague medical authorities objected to a comedy about the concurrent love affairs of an intern in a maternity hospital with the wife of a colleague and a young nurse. The doctor is played with a nice under-stated comedy by Jiri Menzel, who as director of Closely Observed Trains was himself one of the bright hopes of the lost new wave.

The sensitivity of the Polish surhorities to Krysziof Zemussi's Camouflage seems only to have been temporary; and the film

Festival, following Paris. It is a cool but fierce commentary on the politics of academic fallure and success, examined in the microcosm of a university summer school. Originality and talent, it seems, are less material than the ability to "camouflage" gifts which might be too exceptional for comfort; to keep on the right side of the right people; and definitely not to get drunk and bite the rector's ear (which is how the brightest student in the school chooses to express his particular frustrations). Zamusel show it as a situation, not peculiar only to socialist Zamesa shows it as a situation, not peculiar only to socialist systems: but there are rather sharp local references (not least the noscialic yearning of one conformist for the happy days of 25 years ago, in other words, the high Stalinist era) which could explain a degree of official unease.

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Another Polish film still apparently not ellowed to compete in anternational festivale (it appeared in Paris only in a market screening) is the talented Merek Piwowski's Is It True They Hit Hard Here? On the surface this is an exceptionally good tale of crime and down of a smart young sangdown of a smart young gang-ster who has built up an in-genious defence of alibis. At another level it sparkles with Piwowski's own quirky irony; and his scepticism about police subversive in a society where the police are not as a rule open to too much question. Not the least quality of the film is that its actors are all non-pro-fessionals—two of the police-men being played by boxing

Esstern Europe was very much on show. Marta Mészáros, whose Adoption was recently seen on television and whose Nine Months is in the London Festival, was in Paris with her latest film, The Two of Them. The title of an early Mészáros film, Rinding Sentiments, seems film, Binding Sentiments, seems appropriate to her ability to take the simplest relationships and explore them in absorbing detail and subtlety. Her new film is the story of a woman in charge of a bostel for working with Marine Warth and charge of a bostel for working girls (Maxima Vlady) who befriends a feckless girl (Lift Monori, from When Joseph Returns and Nine Months) unable to help herself constantly returning to her impossible, good-natured akcobolic husband. The effort to resolve the problems of this amour fou exposes the unacknowledged failure of the older woman's apparently the unacknowledged failure of the older woman's apparently conventionally happy marriage.

A panorama of new Budapest production showed how successfully Hungary continues to susof all the socialist cinemas. Two films introduced new directors of exceptional promise. Ferenc Andras's The Devil Beats His Wife and Marries His Daughter is a frenzied fête champêtre, set on August 20-a day wisch Hungarians are still more in-

London debuts

violin sonatas. Besides the fami-liar work of 1927, with its ironic jazz echoes, there is another piece from 30 years before. This was published only in 1975, and Samuel Thavin included what probably was the United King-dom premiere in his debut recital last week. It is a bold score, in one lengthy movement, the writing for both instruments already original. The young composer had not yet learnt how to mask (without nullify-ing) strong feelings as he was to do so well later, but already some characteristic Ravelian harmonic and melodic finger-prints can be detected.

Mr Thaviu has a fluent technique, the product of many years spent in American symphony orchestras, and his tone, dry rather than sweet, particulary suited Ravel. He does not have a strong solo personality, but his assured playing made a welcome change from the cal-

appearances. Mozart's Sonate K.454, for example, was as secure in style as in execution (and there was some expressive k-yboard work from Clifford Benson in the Andante). The Schumann A minor Sonata Op.105 likewise received settled, mature interpretation, unsensational yet satisfying. Last week's guitarist was Dan Beckerman, who did best in Ponce's Someta No. 3, where his playing was engaged and genuinely felt. Elsewhere and drite abait prour some anomic nothings by one Feurstein, a composer new to me — Mr Beckerman tended to monotony. Several universents of Bach's E minor Lote Suite, for instance, were almost soporific although his technique is fairly serviceable. The trouble, whether in r Granados Spanish Dance or a couple of movements transcribed from Haydn, was a lack of even the beginning of an

Max Harrison

arneved, remarkably, through
the use of non-professional
actors. The story is a simple,
real-life anacdote about a
schoolboy who is selected to
join a party of children visiting
Rugland. His rather dim and
helpless peasant parents are,
however, too nervous to let him
and remain impervious and nowever, too hervous to let him go, and remain impervious to the persuasions of teachers and officiels, who in any case have selected the child without even knowing him. Dardey's film is at once sherp and endearing, an odd mixture of exasperation and tove for his foolish people.

A collaboration with West

and fove for his foolish people. A collaboration with West German television, A Very Ordinary Life, directed by Imra Gyöngyössy and Barna Kabay, is a remarkable cinéma vérité pertrait of an old Hungarian peasant woman, Veronika Kiss, who preserves intact the values and the nobility of a long-vanished way of life. At the time the film was made. Veronika the film was made. had coolly decided that before she died she would accomplish two Herculean tasks—to plough the old vineyord and to visit her son in England, Having won her total trust, the film-makers follow with moving intimacy her stientious effort to accomplish the second ambition.

Paris instituted prizes for the first time, and the main award was shared between The Mina Cycle and the Canadian Allan King's Who Has Seen the Wind, a somewhat sweet and aseptic story of growing up during the Depression in a little Saskar-Depression in a little Saskar-chewan town. A merited Special lury Prize was given in an Australian film, Peter Weir's The Last Wave. The gift for atmosphere that was already evident in The Cars That Ate Paris and Picnic at Hanging Rock is here seen fully realized, in a story of fear and the occult. Weir's conception and writing

raise the film far above the level of films of The Exorcist genre. The story is firmly and factually based on Aborigine lore (Weir had the aid of Aborigine organizations; and a

Now in its third year, the Parls Film Festival has firmly established its style, and sucks with reasonable fidelity to a declared policy of showing the new and unknown rather than simply offering previews of coming art-house products. This year the organizers achieved the considerable feat of duplicating no more than three or four of the 80 films selected by the London Film Festival, which follows immediately effertwards.

Parls is more concentrated than London. With five audi-Jan, who conveys admirably the special vulnerability of the young lawyer defending a group of Aborigines charged with murder, and David Gulpilli (the boy from Nicholas Roeg's Walkahaya) as the woung Abori

(the boy from Nicholas Roeg's Walkaboue) as the young Aborigine who provides him with a link to the secret rituals that lie behind the killing.

Boxer is the first collision of the Japanese enfant terrible Shuji Terayama with the commercial cinema. Since he doubles as a sports writer (as well as awant-garde film-maker, poet, novelist and theatre director) Terayama must have seemed the natural choice for a producer who wanted a poor man's Rocky. Terayama gave him wather more: in a film shot and edited in five weeks (the premiere was advertised before and edited in five weeks (the premiere was advertised before Boxar was even begun) Teravema has succeeded remarkably in grafting together the archetypal boxing melodrama with his own bizarre underworld of painsed whores, pimps, beggars and broken-down dandies, who act as a chosur to the story. COOLUS 10 the story

Of the home product, much was expected of Chris Marker's Le Fond de l'air est rouge, dedicated to the notion that the Third World War has already been waged for 10 years, from Vietnam to Chile and beyond. The theris is wide and vague; and though Marker has assembled armstraker has assembled. bled remarkable documents (American propaganda films about Vietnam; remarkable coverage of Chile) he lacks the skill of a Murcel Opbuls to explore a coherent thesis through images.

As to Jean Eusteche's Une Sale Histoire, it was apparently just that—a voyeur's dirty story told twice, once by Michel Lonsdale, once by non-Michel Lonsdale, once by non-professional actors. I say "appa-rently" because every perform-ance of the film was racked in advance by scandal-seekers; and the only time I managed to get into the theatre it was to be promptly thrown out by a big fireman observing safety regu-lations. More successful col-leagues were consoling: the theoretical exercise, they said, was thin; and the dirty talk small compensation.

What's behind football violence?

Panorama BBC 1

Michael Church

Many people find football violence exciting. Guilty middleclass socialists loved it in the sixties. Sociologists have long made territorial claims on 11. The media have, fraukly, thriven upon it. So was Charles Wheeler's inaugural Panorama simply following the trend?
No. F-Troop, Treatment and

the Hali-Way Line, which looked at the rules and values prevalent among the terrace gangs at Millwall, was a scrious and subtle piece of reporting which the BBC would be wise

to build on.
David Taylor, the reporter, quickly established what the Millwall supporters were interested in. Their team (not the players, stupids were nationally known as "hard". You wave your scarf and cheer but the real thing, the ritual, is to do a few geezers, "People are frightened of us all over England."

England."
From the Half-Way Line you graduate, if I understood it correctly, to Treatment and from thence to the really violent F-Troop. Police fines, which you may not pay, act as rungs on the ladder. You are fiercely loyal,

Royal Choral Society/ Davies

Max Harrison

It was apt that the Royal Choral Society should begin their silver jubilee concert with Walton's Te Down, as it was written for the Coronation. It is, too, essentially a ceremonial piece, its extrover music scarcely relating to the religious text. Walton made good use of the opportunities Westminster Abbey offered for antiphonal writing, although those effects were largely lost in the Festival Hall.

Stan Tracey

100 Club Richard Williams

Tracey is proving to be an anduringly successful example

Drawings from

The Finest Drawings from the

Museums at Angers is the title of the autumn exhibition at the Heim Gallery, London from November 23 until December at exercise, they said,

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patronage of the French
Ambassador and Lord Donaldson, Minister for the Arts, con-

fiercely xenophobic, fiercely protective of your good n. To as a fearless fighter. You may call your alf Harry the Dog and cerry our sola kamidaze raids on stands full of enemy supparters. You may get here or crrested but you are invincibly

In tact, inside many of these fens there seem; to be a soldier struggling to get out. Disgusted of hestbourne's repeated cries for more conscription might fall on willing ears just south of the

chubby National Front leader. on whose lips the word "robust" acquired a sick and sinister tone, pronounced his thoughtful verdict, "There's a lot you can do with a soccer hooligan." Patriotic, pro-British young acrs . . . and the club manager, who needs hig gates to pay for his new centre forward, talks of driving the hooligans away.

We were told, in a postscript We were told, in a postscript, that more money is to be spent in Millscall out participatory sport for the lans't excellent. But nobody mentioned further education. The soldiers may indeed have to 20 and find themselves a war, but some among their conferes, carnest Mick, or driven Billy, need to 20 and find a college.

Festival Hall/Radio 3

Meredith Davies obtained a firm and dignified performance, all the same, for Walton's music all the same, for Walton's music rarely fails to make an impression. More problematic is Holst's Choral Fantasia, a highly imaginative, even experimental, setting of "Ode to Music" by Robert Bridges. The organ (played by John Birch), rather than voices or orchestra, has a central role, and its part has a central role, and its part includes a notable slow fugue.

admired most.

The voices are searchingly

One of the characteristics of the British modern jazz scene is its fondness for what might be called the pocket-size big band, an ensemble of between eight and ten musicians playing what amount to skeletal orchestral arrangements. Although by no means invented on these shores (Americans as seemingly diverse as Count Basie and Archie Shepp bave successfully employed such a format), the past decade has witnessed a procession of excellent local middleweight bands, mostly directed by Mike West-brook, John Surman, Chris McGregor, and Elton Dean. The octet led by pianist Stan

of the genre, and is right our of the mould. True to form, its most invigorating moments habitually occur when caution is cast aside. That was definitely the case on Monday, when the octet performed Tracey's latest extended work, "The Salisbury Suite". Generally speaking, the more

museums at Angers

tested, however, for the music is full of the unexpected, and the balanced textures achieved on Monday were a credit to all

concerned.
The Choral Fantasia dates from 1930, and the rest of the programme consisted of two further English works from that decade, each quite different. Ireland's These Tinngs Shall Be is a setting of verses from A lista by John Addington Symonds, whose facile optimism no longer rings true (if it ever did). One does not associate Ireland with superficial ideas and the rough vigour of the music's best moments seems almost to contradict the words. That is most obviously the case in the long orchestral inter-lude between the first two verses, in which the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic shone. Less compromising, however, Vaughau Williams's Dona nobis pacem, very much the main work of the evening. Here the gestures are larger, and a feeling of high drama is created immediately; the soloists were Shella Armstrong and Benjamin Luxon, but it was the clarity of the choral singing that one

pronounced the extroversion, the greater the satisfaction.

Tracey has never quite manspec to translate the idio-syncrasy of his plano-playing into 'iis orchestral arrange-ments (a trick he always thanages with his quartet). Regulied, perhaps, by the available range of tone colours, he allows the acute angles of his melodies to become blurred, while his own playing takes a

The new suite began with a ather uncomfortable Afro-Cuban through a long ballad sequence. and only reached climax in the passionate young alto eaxophou-Jeff Daly was let loose. Daly's improvisation, reminis-cent of the late Julian Adderwas surpassed by that of saxophonist whose convivial humour and startling tech-nique are cloaked in a soft,

All the soloists were adeptly shadowed by an enthusiastic rhythm section whose drummer. Bryan Spring, sometimes allowed his effervescence to occlude his marvellous sense of

sists of more than 100 pictures. The spectacular Rubens Cantives in Chains is after a fresco Francesco Salviati and is of special interest in view of the current exhibition in Cologne, Rubens in Italy, where it is now on show, and Professor Jaffe's newly published book of the same title. A drawing by Rembrandt and other sheets by major artists also represent the



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Slower growth and rising unemployment forecast for OECD nations in 1978

Industrialized commeries are

heating for another year of slow growth in output end trade in 1978 with rising unemployment. Growth in gross domestic product during the second baif of the year is expected to be down to an annual rate of 3 per cent for the 24 trations making up the Degamization for Economic Cooperation and Development, according to forecasts prepared for a top-level meeting of the control of the co for a top-level meeting of officials next week.

It is suggested that the target greed by OECD ministers in june of 5 per cent growth dur-ing the year is likely to prove difficult, if not impossible, to

ment in London in the spring.

The larest estimates, prepared by the OECD and discussed at a meeting of forecasters from national governments, say that growth in the United States is likely to run at an annual rate of 44 per cent in the first half of next second hal for next year.

German officials seem to have made it clear in talks that they see no obvious scope for further stimulatory action.

The Japanese, who are also expected to perform badly do, on the other hand, seem to have been more prepared to consider further stimulus.

Rapid appreciation of the yen

was halted today by the Benk of Japan as it surged up to its highest poetwar value of 245 to the dollar when inter-

hank trading opened this morn-

yea threatened to undermine most of Japan's small and medium-scale export industries this morning, the Bank of Japan suddenly purchased \$180m (£100m) to hold it to 245.50 to the dollar when trading closed.

revaluation of Japan's currency

since the beginning of the year. At the same time the subsequent high cost of living in

Tokyo is likely to drive out many European business execu-tives. Western diplomats

banks were today purchasing sterling at the rate of yea

439.85 to the pound as its value

year and only 3; per cent in the second half of 1978.

Prospects of such a sharp setback to his hopes of reducing unemployment are placing great pressure on President Carter to speed up plans to have the transmitted.

For Europe as a whole the. for a top-level meeting of officials next week.

The forecasts, prepared for a session of the Economic Policy Committee, are believed to show that after a slight acceleration in the pace of recovery in the first half of the year, there will be a very severe downturn to the most important OECD countries.

It is suggested that the target spreed by OECD ministers in the target announced changes, and the property of the control of the contro

The pessimistic outlook for the German economy seems once again to be bringing criticism of the Bonn Govern-These serbacks follow the failure of Western notions to reach their hoped-for growth argets for 1977, which were formally endorsed by the meeting of seven heads of government in London in the spring.

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GOLD PRICE

Market sources claimed that Gold dropped \$4 on the London today's turnover rose by \$450m, market yesterday to close at an increase of \$224m against \$161.375 an ounce. The price

an increase of \$224m against resched a two-year high at the trade.

in real terms the floating year run up on fairly weak buying.

The \$6.25 dip since then has

that the revaluation of the currencies of these countries has done little to help the overall world outlook.

Although a stronger yen and mark may, in time, reduce the surphises which these countries run the most immediate effect is to cut prospects for employment in their exporting industries, thus reducing domestic demand. For revalution to be effective, it is argued, it must be accompanied by stimulatory policy at home.

Because of the depressive effects of domestic policies, it is thought that world trade might grow by only 4 per cent next year, well below the assumption on which the Treasury has based its forecasts for the British economy. For Britain the forecasters to a continuing slowdown

mless policies are changed, though this impression owes much to the fact that OECD uses a forecast period which suggests more rapid growth in the second half of this year than appears from most models. than appears from most models.

The forecast is thought to be
that in the second half of 1977
growth will be at an annual
rate of around 31 per cent,
falling to 3 per cent in the
first half of next year and 21
per cent in the second half.

Growth on this scale would not be enough to prevent un-

expected spring Budget announcement of tax cuts would lead to some increase. Yen's leap halted at 245.5 to dollar

edge on international markets, the sharp appreciation of the yen is not likely to reduce Japen's huge trade surplus by a eignificant mergin.

a significant margin.

At the same time the Mitsubishi Bank suggested that its high value was likely to reduce the value of exports by 3 per cent, but prices would rise 9 per cent and raise the trade surplus by an additional \$61,800m at the end of the current fiscal year. If the bank is correct, Japan's total trade surplus would surpase \$17,000m.

Under the basic logic of economics, the ven's appreciation should lead to an increase in Japan's imports, a slackening of exports and subsequently a reduction in Tokyo's huge trade surplus with the world. But according to the Yamaichi Research Institute, the rising yen is likely to much off rising yen is likely to touch off a trend in the opposite direc-tion. According to the institute's analysis, imports will not in-crease because industrial pro-duction, which consumes 70 per

cent of Japan's imports—raw materials—will remain sloggish. suggested.
The yen's sudden appreciation also means that the value of sterling has declined by almost especiated and terling has declined by almost reliable. Yamaichi Research 15 per cent agmist it since the Smithsonian rate was established by the surface of the color purchasing the surface of the color purchasing the color purchasing the surface of the color purchasing the color purchased the color materials—will ramain sloggish. At the same time the institute is convioced that the nation's major exporters, such as the car and electronics industries, will retain their competitive edge on international markets. Other industries, hit by the recession, will continue to export at below-cost prices to keep their plants operating, the institute claimed.

CBI's anti-Bullock stand approved By Donald Macingre Labour Reporter

Confederation of British Industry leaders comeneration of states industry leavers yesterday won endorsement for their plans for voluntary company agreements on employee participation. A resolution reaffirming the CBP's outright opposition to the Bullock report was passed by a big majority at its first conference in Brighton.

Viscount Caldecote, chairman of Delta Metals, who proposed the motion, said that the Bullock proposals were not about greater involvement by workers so much as about "wade union poer".

The proposals, however, which were approved yesterday and set out in the CBI document Britain Means Business 1977—leave it to firms to work out their own plans for participation agreements on a voluntary basis.

Viscount Caldecore said that "some legal support" would be required but that he hoped it would be seldom invoked. An attempt by Mr Richard Puttick, the charman of the Taylor Woodrow group, to commit the conference to a rejection of the CBPs proposals on these grounds was not taken up.

None of the speakers opposed the in-crease of consultative machinery, and TUC leaders may interpret the support for the CBI's own proposals at yesterday's con-

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Conference backs voluntary legal framework for employer participation

ference as an encouraging omen for some move towards a legal framework for

The TUC is still expecting the Government to produce a White Paper on industrial democracy by Christmas, and their hopes may be marginally increased by the fact that the CBI has not been forced by its members to eliminate any reference to legislation.

Overall the TUC has maintained a discreet interest in the CBI's proceedings by sending as an official observer Mr David Lea, an assistant general secretary

designate, to Brighton.

Mr Lea indicated yesterday that he would be reporting to the General Council on the CBI conference

The main point on which the CBI is now mandated to seek discussions with the TUC, as well as with the Government, is its proposals on pay determination, which will be modified as a result of the

weight of the opposition to them in Mon-day's session.

Mr Lea said yesterday that the likely forum for this would be the series of occasional liaison meetings



Viscount Caldecote: hoped "legal sup-port" would be seldom invoked.

Scrapmerchants'in for NEB strategic plans a grim year'

By Edward Townsend

Britain's ferrous scrap merchants, faced with a major decline in demand from the beleaguered British Steel Corporation, are now "in for a very grim 12-18 months", it was said yesterday.

Mr Eric Cross, president of the British Scrap Federation, said demand had dropped to the extent that "most of us will be going round with a beg-ging bowl before long".

Consumption of home-bough scrap was down by only 42,000 tonnes in the third quarter but there was a drop in scrap stocks at steel works of 114,000 nones. This resulted in a drop in purchases of home produced scrap of nearly 160,000 tonnes during the quarter.

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According to the federation, the shortfall has been due to reduced intake by iron foundries and the start of the BSC effort to reduce stocks in accordance with government policy. The state-owned steel undertaking's stocks are being run down to about 30 per cent run down to about 30 per cent of their normal level.

The BSC's curback was likely to continue into the first quarter of next year, said Mr Cross, and coming efter a long period of reducing demand and falling prices was bound to have

a serious effect on the whole of the scrap inclusory.

"The market weakness is workd wide so alternative outlets for United Kangdom scrap merchants will be difficult to find."
Paul Routlodge writes: Scottish

steel union leaders last night enlisted the aid of the Scotrish enlisted the sid of the Scorrish parliamentary group of Labour MPs in their fight to frustrate closure proposals for Brisish Steel plants in their area.

Mr Arthur Bell, divisional organizer of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, and Mr Sandy Stevenson, the union's president, gave warning of the

consequences shutting down plants in western Scotland, where unemployment was already high in a Labour-voting area vulnerable to the polytical advance of the Scottish

"We have already lost 4,000 jobs", said Mr Bell, "and if the corporation has its way we stand to lose another 3,000. But it is not just a question of losing jobs. We lose the ability to provide Scottish industry with its basic requirements,

its basic requirements.

"In my view, the issue should be taken out of the bands of Variey and Scholey, and put into the Cabinet. It should become a real government issue. We want to bear what they have to say about the closures."

His remarks came on the av of today's meeting of the ISTC executive, at which the British Steel request for union cooperation in the run-down of high-cost plants and lebour shedding will be discussed.

Scottish plants have sent tele-grams to Mr Bill Sirs, the union's general secretary, tel-ling him: "Stand firm—will strike if necessary."

Plants believed to figure in BSCs closure package are Clyde Bridge, open hearth and primary mill; Dalziei, Lanarkshire, open hearth; Rayens-craig, open hearth; Rayens-craig, open hearth; Hall Side, primary and bills; Mills; Craig-neuk, bar mill; and Glengar-nock, open hearth and blooming nock

The steel union leaders, who were accompanied by Mr Jimmy Milne, general secretary of the Scottish TUC, also urged that the embergo in new investment should be lifted to allow expansion at Hunterston, including a new electric arc furnace, to go shead.

Mr Bell said the union took "strong exception" to the corporation's factic of offering demoralizing severance pay

likely to be kept secret

The long-awaited corporate plan of the National Enterprise Board, to be used by the Government as the yardstick in assessing its future perform-ance, is now expected before the end of this year, but its general publication is highly

Submission of the plan by the NEB to the Department of Industry has been delayed because of uncertainty about the future of British Leyland, the board's chief subsidiary. But it is felt that the recent sceepance by Leyland workers of the pay bargaining reform scheme and the appointment of a new full-time chairman allow the NEB to put the final touches

the NEB to put the final touches to its future strategy.

Mr Leslie Huckfield, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry, has said that as most of the corporate plan is likely to be commercially confidential he would need to "consider very carefully with the NEB whether publication would be appropriate". would be appropriate ".

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Certainly, the board will argue that its strategy should remain secret. In the NEB's draft guidelines, published in March, last year, there was no requirement for publication of the corporate plan.

The guidelines stated that the preparation and review of the corporate plan would provide the framework for discussions with the Department of In-dustry of the NEB's objectives whether in terms of financial largets, investment and the proportion of investment in the assisted areas, employment, improvements in efficiency or exports. Performance over the year would be assessed in the light of agreed objectives. The NEB is required under

the guidelines to provide sunually an investment and

Details of the NEB's operations that have been announced include the disclosure in the Commons on Monday that since its inception it has sought the approval of the Department of industry for the disposal of five investments, one of which was refused.

Two of the approvals have nor been acted upon by the board; the third was for a dispossi by one of the board's sub-sidiaries where the proceeds have remained confidential for commercial reasons: the fourth. referring to the sale of Dun-ford and Elliott, resulted in a gross prefit to the board of £151,131.

Meanwhile, the NEB is nego-tiating to take over the non-nvistion interests of the Fairey engineering group which want into receivership a month ago. The board has made clear that it is not interested in the aviation side of the Fairey

business and that it is keen to acquire the remaining part of the group without the involvement of a partner. Fairey creditors: Creditors of Fairey Gosselies, the Belgian subsidiary of Fairey Aviation agreed to accept a legal sottle-ment of the Belgian company's activities with one exception, Mr Alain Deliege, president of

the commercial court said. The exception is First National Citibank (Belgium), a subsidiary of Citicorp, which asked for the eight days allowed under Belgian law to consider its position.

Mr Deliege told the court the Belgian company, which has been under court-controlled management since September, has assets of 1,500m francs and debts totaling at least 1,450m francs. Final figures still had to be worked out

be worked out.

Fort Dunlop reflates its 'run flat' car tyre

Denovo tyre was launched as the world's first "run-flat" tyre, the manufacturers admitted publicly yesterday that it had many shortcomings. The most worrying were short lite, noise, and difficult servicing.

Dunlop's belated confession will be greeted with cynicism by users of the Denovo tyre. which can be driven on even when punctured. They are only too well aware of its failings. But a clean breast of things has become necessary if Brit-ain's biggest tyre company is to benefit from the complete re-design which. It now claims, has not only removed the noise and servicing problems but has rebled the life of the tyre, making it comparable to the best traditional designs.

best traditional designs. As a result, Duzlop is re-As a result, Dunlop is re-launching Denovo with a £250,000 advertising campaign this month and a further £500,000 next year. Additional plant has been installed at Fort Dunlop and existing machinery there is being modified to enable it to manufacture Denovo as well as standard radials.

This expansion means that run-flat production will change rom fringe to volume production next year with output in excess of 7,000 tyres a week. excess of 7,000 tyres a week.

The first customer for the redesigned tyre is Leyland, which from today will offer it as optional equipment on the Mini clubman and estate range. Since August it has been fitted as standard on the Mini 1275 GT. Leyland is also substantially increasing the rate of fitment increasing the rate of fitment to its Rover and Princess ranges. The only other car manufac-turer using Denovo at present s Fiat, but Duniop is convinced that the improvements will soon bring others.

It is forecasting that the present figure of 30,000 United Kingdom motorists running on Demoto will be trebled next year and reach 170,000 by the end of 1979.

At the same time, the profit-able replacement business—now almost pon-existent—is expected to reach 100,000 a year by 1979. Mr Josh Brooke, marketing manager of Dunlop's United Kingdom tyre division, told a press conference: "Major innovations rarely come easily, or swiftly, to universal accept-

to so, but there is no doubt that the graph has turned sharply upwards. Our confidence in Denovo as the tyre of the future has been fully endorsed by Leyland. We believe that new vehicle design will increas-

ingly feature run-dat tyres." One of the first new cars to fit Denovo as standard could well be Leyland's new £250m Mini. The absence of a spare wheel will give the new car a much-needed increase in boot

Clifford Webb

400 Courtaulds jobs to go in yarn plant closure

in negotiations over the future stantial over-capacity of its main nylon producing plant at Aintree, Liverpool, is closing a yarn processing plant in Nuneaton which employs 400 After the formation last month of a joint consultative committee, including union management and outside representatives, Courtaulds has given notice of closure to all the workers under the 90-day notice procedure. The factory which processes the group's man-made fibre yards for use by weavers will shut at the beginning of February, but Courtailds is he peful of finding work for about 100 people at nearby

Closure has become necessary recause the plant has been over-taken by technology and its

Claymore field

Another oilfield in the British

sector of the North Sea came

on stream yesterday. The oil was flowing from the Claymore

field 80 miles north-east of Aberdeen—the fastest de-veloped major field so far,

It announced that oil was

now flowing from a production platform to the Flotta terminal

in the Orkney Islands. "Six of

the planned 36 wells have been completed at Claymore to date,

and production by the end of 1977 is expected to be between 60,000 and 80,000 barrels a day.

increasing to around 160,000 barrels a day by early 1979," a

Consultants have estimated the reserves of recoverable oil from the Claymore field at 410

Occidental, the operator, has

occidental, the operator, has a 36.5 per cent interest, Getty Oil (Britain) 23.5 per cent. Allied Chemical (GB) 20 per cent and Thomson North Sea 20 per cent.

million barrels.

Occidental

from the

problems have been aggravated by the fibres recession and sub-

Gold dropped \$4 on the London

come with heavy selling as some profits have been taken.

Based on the new value of the

yen, butchers in Tokyo were selling prime Kobe beef at £24

a pound.
Providing medium and minor

Both Yamaichi and the Mit-subishi Bank suggested that

while some sectors of industry might lose their competitive

In a statement accompanying its half year results yesterday, Courtsuids gave a warning that the future of some operations remains under review. It is presently seeking a Temporary Employment Subsidy at its Aintree plant, where more than 2.000 are employed, but has said that without the subsidy it will be forced to cut back

The group reported profits up from £21.8m to £27.9m, but noted that, although results for tire second balf could show some improvement over the first, the results for the full year are expected to fall short of 1976/77. Courtaulds shares fell 3p after the news to 109p.

Bk Leunti Israel 4p to 26p Brown Shipley 5p to 205p Gienlivet Dist 10p to 335p Hunting Gibson 10p to 250p

15p to 205p 18p to 898p 3p to 109p 12p to 294p 15p to 355p

Oil starts flowing | How the markets moved

Rises

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Equities lost ground.

On other pages

Glitedged stocks retreated.

Dollar premium 101 per cent (effective rate 39.15 per cent).

Steeling at \$1.25 per cent).

Sterling was unchanged at \$1.8160. The effective exchange rate index was at 63.7.

Courtaulds

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Leyland to close its London HO

British Leyland is to close its headquarters in Marylebone Road, London, and move many of the staff to the offices of Leyland Cars and Leyland International in the Midlands. A phased shutdown will be announced today by Mr Michael Edwardes, the executive chair-man. He will also outline a new corporate structure and name the boards of the four operating

More detailed changes affecting the main problem area— Leyland Cars—will be dealt with at a later date. There are expected to be some notable omissions from the new board of Leyland Cars, which Mr Edwards will chair himself. placed executives are being ear-marked for new responsibilities in the sub divisions which, it is understood, will be created later to cover small cars, medium cars, large specialist

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It is also expected that Mr John McKay, Mr Edwardes' former public relations chief at Chloride and now his personal assistant, will assume responsibilities for the whole of the

group's public relations.

Closure of the Marylebone office block has been mooted since it became known within the company that most of Leyland International's 300 staff were preparing to move to new headquarters adjoining Birming-ham's National Exhibition Centre International's Euro-pean division is already established there.

In London Mr Edwardes will run the corporation from the much smaller Nuffield House in Piccadilly. He has taken over

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Spain Pes Sweden Kr

pied by Lord Stokes, the group's setback yesterday to Leyland Cars' plans to introduce group-wide wage bargaining. Last week the TUC economic affairs committee ruled that the group must abide by the 12-mouths' rule, and yesterday shop stew-ards representing 14,000 crafts-men and 3,000 rebel toolmakers decided to join forces in a cam-

£10m Pilkington

Pilkington yesterday announ-

ced plans to build a £10m

safety glass factory in Nigeria

to serve the emerging motor

industry there. Construction will begin early dext year.

The site at Ibadan adjoins

the plant being developed by

British Leyland. Other cus-tomers include Volskwagen at

lagos and Peugeot at Kaduna.

shareholder in the new com-pany—Triplex Safety Glass (Nigeria)—in association with local private and institutional

investors. The British com-pany already has a glass pro-cessing and merchanting sub-

sidiary at Apapa employing 300. A further 200 jobs will be

Pilkington will be the major

glass factory

for Nigeria

paign for separate negoriaring rights for skilled workers. Talks were continuing last night at Ford's Halewood plant to try to end two disputes which have stopped production of the Escort and made 6,500

This action has stopped de-liveries of gearboxes for the Transit van assembly line at Southampton and the Cortina line at Dagenham.

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Britain agrees terms of Polish ships deal

By Our Industrial Staff

Agreement on the details of a £115m Anglo-Polish shipbuilding contract has been reached and the formal signing is expected to take place in London next week. Mr Varley, Secretary of State

for Industry, is expected to sign

the contract on behalf of the Government. The deal will provide Britain's depressed shipyards with orders for 24 ships. Negotiations on the contract have been prolonged because of hard bargaining over the Polish

ships. Originally this was to be 5 per cent of the total but now is believed to be nearer 8 per Mr Michael Casey, chief executive of British Ship-builders, who has conducted the

negociations with the Poles, re-turned to the United Kingdom last weekend encouraged by the progress made in reaching

Among the sticking points has been the responsibility for supplying engines for the ships. Agreement now appears to

have been reached on the basis that none of the propulsion units for the larger vessels in the contract will be made in Poland and most of those for the smaller ships will be built in the United Kingdom under licence.

The deal is being subsidized by a grant of almost £30m from the Government's shipbuilding intervention fund. The Poles have also been

offered 70 per cent credit, the remainder to be arranged by individual shipbuilders. Once the contract has been

signed, Bricish Shipbuilders is expected to announce which yards will build the ships. It is expected that hard-pressed yards on Tynesideand Clydeside will be favoured.

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With the new venture Pilking ton will have safety glass intersts in 10 overseas countries in addition to factories at St Fleleus, Birmingham, and Lark-28 28 hall, Strathclyde.

Carter design to bolster business confidence

From Frank Vogi Washington, Nov 15 President Carter and his chief econo-mic policy advisers are now working hard to develop a series of policy statements outlining the Administration's plans for the economy for the next three years. These statements will be delivered in January.

Leading Administration officials say a top priority for the President now is to formulate policies that will strengthen business confidence and promote greater private sector investment.

more greater private sector investment.

They consider that a substantial gain investment is vital since it appears that cutting unemployment will be an extremely slow process, while inflation

extremely slow process, while inflation could rise modestly next year and more slarply in 1979.

Increased investment by the private sector is viewed as the best means of ensuring the productivity gains that can dampen inflationary pressures and provide the real economic growth regarded as essential if unemployment

The President's statements will be made in his State of the Union message, his budget programme for the 1979 fiscal year, and his annual economic

The Administration has decided that it must reassure the business com-munity that it will seek a more stable munity that it will seek a more stable general economic environment. In so doing it will amnounce that it does not have plans for new and major economic legislation for the remainder of President Carter's first term in office.

White House officials say there car be no doubt that the large number of new policies announced by the Administration this year, such as those dealing with energy, social security taxes, social welfare and public works, have added to business uncertainties.

"They were programmes that had to be introduced, but now we want to assure businessmen that our policies will be on a firm course", one official said. "Businessmen will be assured that the President has no shocks in store for them."

Mr Carter's statements will specifically deal with inflation, unemployment, investment, taxation, international trade, government spending and energy. In addition the President will stress, according to one member of his Cabinet, that he "wants a real dialogue with business leaders and greater com-

munication between the Administration's top people and businessmen."

Some of the details of the forthcoming policy statements have been outlined her in the past fed days by the President, by Mr Michael Blumenthal, Secretary of the Treasury, and by Mr James McIntyre, Acting Director of the Budget Office.

President Carter has given his support to full employment legislation proposed by Senator Humphrey and Congressman Hawkins. This calls for policies that aim to achieve a 4 per cent unemployment ceiling, but at the insistence of the President it also a involves a strong commitment to

"involves a strong commitment to fighting inflation". It does not permit special funding for job creating programmes and without specific authorization by congressional committees and

tion by congressional committees and the President.
On taxes, the Secretary of the Treasury has indicated that the programme President Carter is likely to announce in January will contain some reform elements, but its chief priorities will be "fighting inflation, cutting unemployment and ensuring adequate real growth".

The programme, which still has to be settled by the President, will almost

From Our US Economics Correspondent

The secretary stated in a

Washington, Nov 15

certainly involve general income and corporate tax relief and special tax corporate tax relief and special tax incentives to spur business investment, according to Administration officials. With regard to the Budget, the President is likely to rtuew his pledge to balance the Budget by the 1981 fiscal year. Plans are being developed to hold the increase in public spending to just 2 per cent in the next fiscal year and to produce a budget deficit is fiscal 1979 including tax cuts, "substantially" below the estimated \$58,000 (£32,000m) deficit for the current year.

The President is likely to repeat his pledge to work toward greater inter-national trade liberalization and in this national trade spectred to foreshadow connexion he is expected to foreshadow greater efforts to provide special assistance to industries that need structural rationalization in order to become more internationally competi-

All these programmes, together with the general thrust of the President's approach, may serve to strengthen business confidence. But businessmen are unlikely to be convinced if President Carter decides to replace Dr Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

American call to boost

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The case for retaining scale charges for surveyors' services advantages. Only a very small minority of those clients we consulted favour abolition."

From the President of the totion of Chartered Surveyors Royal Institution of Chartered and other professional bodies,

Surveyors
Sir, The report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission
on surveyors' services makes
three principal recommendations. The commission advises
that certain scales establishing that certain scales esonument fees for property valuation and management should be abo-management should be abo-other

fees for property valuation and management should be abolished; that certain other scales should be determined by an independent committee appointed by the Government; and that compension between members of the professions should be on the basis of fees rather than on the quality of service, advice, skill and efficiency.

misgivings as to the serious results which could seem from results which could stem from the reduction in standards of professionalism following any temptation to profit in the short term by undercutting on fees. Quite simply, if our high standards are to be maintained, there is not scope for this in general terms within the profession's profit margins; and indeed, the almost universal increase in an estate agent's rate of commission, following an earlier decision of the Monopolies Commission in 1970 to abolish recommended scales for that type of work,

scales for that type of work, has proved this.

But even more disturbing is the process by which after four years the commission has reached its determinations. Apart from the powerful case put forward by the Royal Insti-

the Aged
Sir, Your correspondent Mr J.
W. Skillington (November 7) is
voicing the frustration and
resentment felt by hundreds of
thousands of middle aged and

elderly people who, having planned for retirement when

younger, find their savings almost worthless. Younger

almost worthless. Younger people seeing this may well be tempted to spend and enjoy life rather than see their hardearned savings whittled away by never ending inflation. What problems this may have for the country in years to come when the middle aged improvident become the penniless elderly may only be imagined.

With this in mind, Help the Aged has put forward a pro-

Savings for retirement

From the Hon Director of Help units of £1 at Post Offices and the Aged sir, Your correspondent Mr J. Government until the retirement of the bond holder.

the commission beard evidence from a wide range of clients using the services and I quote just two of the references in the reservices are the references in the report to that evidence:

"Abour half the (user) witnesses considered that the scale fees system involved a mixture of advantages and disadvantages; about 30 per cent stated only advantages, and 6 per cent stated only disadvantages (the remainder gave no comment on advantages or disadvantages). About half the winesses gave a view which could be interpreted as definitely favouring retention of the scales, compared with only about one-tenth against."

"Clients on the whole have

"Clients on the whole have made it clear that they consider scale fees issued by professional associations for surveyors' services to be of value. They find that the scales facilitate agreement on charges. inate agreement on charges, assist them in their budgeting for capital projects, and evoid the expense, which unimately would have to be borne by the dient, of negotizing special fees for each job. Public bodies in particular stress these advantages of the scales. Many clients also consider that the avoidance of price competition though acceptance of prothe avoidance of price competi-tion though acceptance of pro-fessional associations' scales helps to assure them of good quality service. However, most clients, including many who support the present arrange-ments, recognize that the scale fee system has certain dis-

Interest would accrue and would be tax-free and this and

see a rime when some supplement to the state retirement pension will not be needed.

Moreover, unless inflation rates are reduced dramatically

the Government pension scheme may prove economically impossible to run. It seems vital to enable presently middle-aged people to prepare adequately for their retirement from their

own resources and according to the availability of those resources at any particular

their disapproval of current practice, if grounds for com-plaint existed. Scant proof, you may feel, Sir, of a state of effairs damaging to the public interest or causing widespread In a court, a judgment given so clearly against such a weight of evidence could only weight of evidence could only be regarded as contrary to natural justice and result in an appeal to a higher authority. Is this not yet one more example of change for the sake of change? One more example of setting up a committee at substantial public expense to do exactly that which has been done apparently satisfactorily by the profession at cost only to their members? And is it not yet another tiresome examnot yet another tiresome exam-ple of telling the people of this country what is better for them when there is no real indication of dissectifaction with the time-honoured system.

The commission, charged with the duty of investigating and reporting whether or not the existing well-tried system of the surveying profession operated against the public interest, published summaries of the evidence given by clients—the very people who might have been expected to seize the opportunity of expressing

the opportunity of expressing their disapproval of current

F. C. KNOWLES
29 Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, WC2A 3DG,
November 10, 1977.

Yours faithfully,

Transport fares From Miss Leila Danburg

Sir, In view of the impending increase in rail fares and no doubt other fares in due course, is it not time the Chancellor considered a new law allowing employers to pay their employees' tares from home to work as part of their salaries but free of income tax? the capital would be used to purchase an annuity and pro-vide some immediate cash. Help the Aged believes that some such scheme is important in the present economic circumstances. Although the new pension scheme is due to start in April, 1978, it is difficult to

Anyone paying about £10 a week in fares would have to earn about £15 to be able to do so, and that is a big slice out of anyone's earned income.

I am fortunate in that I work locally and have no fares but there must be many commuters who simply will not be able to afford to work a long distance away from their homes. This would increase unemployment in some areas while aggrevating still further the labour shortage in others, such as the 30,000 secretarial vacancies in London which employ-ment agencies say they cannot

'i ours faithfully. LEILA DANBURY, 14A Rutland Court,

End of building slump 'still a long way off'

will continue for some time, according to a report published

The Joint Economic Advisory which represents major ranes, which the second construction organizations— professional, building and con-tracting and materials supply—

"There is now very little doubt that the industry can con-sider itself fortunate if its workload subilizes at its present level, that is about three quarters of that of 1973, particularly since the 1976 cuts in expenditure . . . have still to exert their full impact."

These cuts will be only partly offset by improvements in the private sector, and, because of lags before construction can strends in Construction Activity, begin, by the decisions to regenerate the inner cities and to Street, London Wim 9FG.

Despite recent additions to public construction expenditure £400m and in 1979/80 by a the slump within the industry further £181m, the report says. Moreover, the harm already done to the industry in terms of lost skilled manpower and operating capacity, is now so great that it will take some time to repair.

If difficulties were to be avoided additional public-sector works must be carefully plan-ned to take account of labour and materials availability.

One bright prospect is for-seen by the panel. This is in-dustrial building—factories, warehouses and the like— orders for which have grown ove rihe past two years. The report calls upon the Govern-ment to foster this improvement ment to foster this improvement by removing artificial impedi-

Thos Cook instalment travel plan

By Patricia Tisdall

A new instalment purchase plan, applicable to all forms of travel, was launched jointly yesterday by Thomas Cook and the Forward Trust Finance group, both owned by the Midland Bank.

An important difference be-tween the new Thomas Cook system and those operated by other travel companies is that interest is paid on any savings made bu customers.

Interest is paid at the rate of 1.5 per cent below the current Finance House base rate and at present prices is equal to 4.5 per cent.

To be launched from the end of the week, the scheme enables customers to borrow up to £1,500 or 15 times monthly payments between £10 and £100. There is no requirement for an initial deposit and payments are made monthly in arrears.

She suggested too that America should join in ventures to exploit the Soviet Union's largely untapped reserves of copper, nickel, platinum and timber Mrs Kreps pointed out that

Mrs Kreps pointed our that in the five years to the end of 1976 the United States had a trade surplus with Russia of \$5,300m (about £2,945m) and this surplus was increasing. She also noted that the Soviet Union cannot produce a better balance through straight-forward exports, as "the Soviet Union simply does not produce for export significant amounts of manufactured goods that would be competitive in the United States market, even with ower tariffs."

This trade imbalance would produce substantial financing problems in coming years. Soviet raw materials and energy

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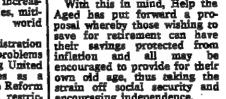


Mrs Juanita Kreps, Commerce

resources, however, "offer per-haps the best hope " of creating the sort of balance assential for closer trade ties.

Increased United States corporate participation in the development of Soviet energy resources, the Secretary ing world energy supplies, mitigating pressures on

The Carter Administration recognized that problems existed in strengthening United States-Soviet trade ties as a result of the 1974 Trade Reform Act and congressional restric-tions on the activities of the United States Export-Import



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Help the Aged's proposal is HUGH FAULKNER that pension bonds could be purchased in single or multiple London W1A 2AP.

Co-op bank to set up £7m accounts centre

By Ronald Pullen

The Co-operative Bank is to establish a £7m automated processing centre for customers, acounts at Skelmersdale, Lancashire. The development will create 600 new jobs over the next five years and this figure may rise to 1,000.

As the project is in an area of high unemployment it has attracted £2.1m of government grants under section 7 of the 1972 Industry Act, with the possibility of a further £1 if the

higher employment figure is

This is the largest single office project in a special development area to which assistance has been given under the service removal scheme of

the new project, a spokesman for the Co-op Bank emphasized that it was part of its overall policy to centralize all its branch network's traditional back-office activities, rather

than to have them spread

around all its branches. By so doing the Co-op hopes to contain the pressure on branch costs which has forced the big clearers, in particular Barclays, which last week announced that it was reviewing the Act.
Explaining the background to its branch structure to look more closely at their branch

The Skelmersdale develop-ment will service all the bank's customers throughout its 63

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of the present day.

Yet in many ways women still have a hardertask in reaching the top. Statistics show that in general terms men still reach higher levels in all types of careers, and, truthfully, most people have some surprise when discovering a woman at the top - in whatever profession.

The Clicquot Inspiration The inspiration behind the original idea for the Award was La Veuve Clicquot. An enterprising young widow of the nineteenth century who flaunted the conventions of her time and founded a Champagne House which, became the internationally celebrated House of today. Successful in her own lifetime the clever vivacious widow still enjoys great affection from her public who toast her when calling for a bottle of

The panel this year will look at women working across the broadest spectrum of commerce and industry, it will be looking at the achievements of a nominee. Her degree of responsibility, her power, how enterprising she has been.

Nominations Complete the nomination form giving full reasons for your choice - summarising her achievements (please attach a second sheet—press cuttings or any relevant background material). The 1977 Award will be made on the results of nominations sent in by friends, colleagues.

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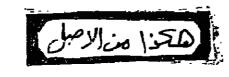


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Downgrading at Courtaulds

Trading results from Courtaulds are pro-foundly disturbing for the equity market. in July it was the first of the international majors to warn that profits and export profits in particular were feeling much more of a squeeze than City analysts appreciated. Since then a steady flow of disappointing results have borne out Courtaulds' pessimism, and analysts have duly taken the are to their profit forecasts. Now they may have to do so again.

Six months ago outside projections for Courtailds' profits this year were as high as (130m. After the warnings estimates were downgraded to around £100m and, with the pound still strengthening, they have latterly been lowered again to around £85m-£90m. It is clear that even these forecasts are too high. Courtaulds' first half results have duly achieved the company's own projection with a 28 per cent improvement to £27.9m. But much of the increase reflects closures from the previous year, and Courtaulds says " the results for the full year are expected to fall short of 1976-77", when it made £80.9m, left the market talking in terms of £60-£70m.



and Sir Arthur Knight, chaleman of Courtaulds.

There are good reasons way a statute of those the cannot be drawn through the results to the cannot be drawn through the results the cannot be drawn through the results the cannot be drawn through the cannot be d dans panies. The fibres industry suffers outstandingly from overcapacity and depressed markets, and Courtaulds brand of low markets, and Courtaulds brand of low markets, and courtaulds brand of low markets in hare i gin, high volume operations are more vultile to rerable than many to even a modest

The inexample that many includes the strengthening of the pound.

The inexcapable fact, however, is that, that had after a splendid showing last year, first half the inexcapable overseas, including exports, were lower than in the first six months of lest year, even though Courtaulds is increasing market share virtually everywhere it sells. In such circumstances it is understandably keeping its new investment down to a minimum (at £27m in the first half spending was £5.9m below the depreciation charge) and is containing the rise in working capital as tightly as it can until profits revive.

Courtaulds' performance thus underlines just how slack the demand from European markets really is, which must raise new question marks for the profitability of other companies like ICI. As: for Courtaulds' shares, at 109p they have underperformed the market by close to 50 per cent in the ust 18 months, and with a yield of almost 10] per cent may at last begin to attract cheap buying.

Insurance

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Royal steadies nerves

Excellent third quarter results from Royal Insurance yesterday helped to steady nerves in the composite insurance sector following Monday's £74m cash call from Commercial

Having dipped more than 10p at one point Royal closed just 2p lower last night at 393p after news of almost doubled pre-tax profits of £103.9m in the first nine months and a categorical denial from the group that it had even considered following CU's

rights example.

By way of justification Royal points to the way it has managed to accommodate premium growth of almost 20 per cent to 1936m, while managing to push the solvency ratio up a couple of points to around 44 per cent helped by a 26 per cent improvement in investment income to £83m.

Moreover, underwriting results have swung from a deficit of £14.9m to a surplus

ment in the United States where the operating ratio is now 101.4 against 105.6 a year ago-though the deficit there is still nearly £9m, and a substantial improvement

partly due to the absence of major storms. However there are still some question marks not least in Canada, where the group has so far decided not to make provisions for potential refunds to policyholders under anti-inflation rules. Although a nine-month surplus of £13m should be cut back to around f9m as a result of the traditionally bleak fourth quarter forced refunds may yet make a deep hole in 1978 results. At the same time Royal as the leading United Kingdom commercial fire insurer is more vulnerable than most to the firemen's

in the United Kingdom to almost £13m

Meanwhile despite Royal's statements, the market is bound to remain deeply suspicious that the group will take advantage of a funding opportunity before the underwriting cycle begins to top out towards the end of next year.

Though with a flood of CU paper the market will presumably ignore. Royal's attractions—likely profits of around £130m pre-tax for a p/e ratio of under 8 and a prospective yield of almost 61 per cent.

Chloride

Strike damage

British Leyland's new chairman, Mr Michael Edwardes, leaves Chloride's chair after what he admits has been a "shocking" year. Profits are £7.22m pre-tax against outside expectations ranging as high as £12m for

A nine-week strike at two British factories cost £3m in profit but, more disrurbingly, Chloride ran into problems in the United States—where profits were down by £1.5m, due to tough: price competition and management problems, apparently now

Nevertheless, Chloride has gained a contract to supply Ford with 10 per cent of the original batteries in the United States, and there was only a minor contribution from this in the first half. Margins are of course right on such business, but it may give Chloride a useful cache in the United States replacement market.

Chloride will need growth in excess of 20 per cent in the second half to match last year's profit and that appear sto be asking for too much even with the United Kingdom dispute settled. So a prospective yield of just under 8 per cent with the share at 99p, and, at best, a p/e ratio of 10 leaves little to

At the nine month stage trading at Philips Lamp is about as resilient as could be expected in the light of the state of the international economy. But the real spanner in the works so far as earnings are concerned is the strength of the guilder.

Thus volume sales are some 7 ner cent

Thus volume sales are some 7 per cent ahead at Fi 21.9m although there has been some slackening in the third quarter for. industrial supplies. Consumer products have been dull although a better performance in North America, the United Kingdom (which perhaps helps to explain the group's seem-ingly odd behaviour over Electronic Rentals), France and Spain has offset a downturn in the rest of western Europe. But the strength of the guilder has trimmed back

the sales gain to only 2 per cent.
Even so with further staff rationalization and stock adjustments not profit after nine months is up from Fl 357m to Fl 437m but the group warns that earlier hopes of an increase in profits as a percentage of sales depends on end-year currency adjustments. For the full year, Philips looks as though it should make around Fl 600m net profit for earnings on the Philips accounting basis of

around Fl 4, although somewhat lower on a United States accounting basis. Even with no increase in last year's Fl 1.6 dividend the yield at Fl 27 is still a healthy enough 6 per cent for European investors. But the shares have done nothing either in Amsterdam or London all year despite superficially attrac-tive ratings and there is still nothing to get excited about at Philips in the immediate

esterday the British Steel Corporation lost well over and tomorrow likewise.

In its present flowerial year its losses are now running at a rate of £10m a week.

It is against the background of panic talks with steel unions that on Thursday of next week Sir Charles Villiers, the chairman, is to present the state-owned corporation's halfvestiv results.

Some aganizing decisions con-front the Government. Mass sackings and a massacre of an tiready postponed investment arready possponed sivesiment programme are threatened in this new test of the Cabiner's capacity to undertake the unpleasant. The facts of British Steel's financial plight are a stark reality and it is cold come foliation that other steel makers. around the world are racked by

problems, no.

Whatever the international dimensions of these problems—and there is no lack of diplomatic activity at the highest levels—consthing has to be done about British Steel. The corporation is now plandering its borrowed money to paymen's wages in order to produce steel at a loss of £23 for every no.

The situation is sufficiently The situation is sufficiently desperate for the Department of Industry to be drafting a new fron and Steel (Borrowing Powers) Bill for the present session. This emergency measure is all the more alarming in that Parliament agreed under four months ago to raise the limit on the corporation's debt from £3,000m to £4,000m. At that time MPs were incor-

debt from £3,000m to £4,000m. At that time MPs were incorrectly advised by ministers that the extra £1,000m would last until the spring of 1979. Presumably, the Government will now he forced to increase its cash limit for steel.

If it stands firm—and steel already accounts for a tenth of the national borrowing requirement—Sir Charles wil have no choice but to undertake savage

choice but to undertake savage changes in next year's investment programme.
Stripped of normal Whitehall pretence, British Steel is bankpretence, British Steel is bank-rupt, supported only by massive external borrowings and its statutory constitution. Since April it has had no financial target and little prospect of breaking even in 1978-79, given no sign of any upturn in deMaurice Corina

Steel: decisions that cannot be put off

There is no reason why heavy investment cannot continue, if it is realistic in terms of future canacity and supported by accelerated closures

squadoje over compensive imports.

In 1975-76 British Steel had a breathraking loss of £225m, but soothing words indicated that it would break even in the following year. The eventual result was a £95m loss, which would have been far greater but for last minute economies.

In April the corporation was allocating £2,285m against statutory limits of £3,000m on horrowing and by the summer it was being given more head room with an extension to £4,000m. Confidential figures indicated that by April, 1978, the corporation would have £3,200m of ourstanding statutory borrowof ourstanding statutory borrow-ing, but it was expecting to generate sufficient internal re-sources next year not to reach its new ceiling of £4,000 before

A decision to bring forward a new borrowing powers Bill implies both a miscalculation and a disposition once again to and a disposition once again to let the corporation pile up debt in the hope of better times to come. Parkament will not stand for this and that is why an early parliamentary statement by Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Indestry, who has already allowed British Leyland to borrow capital to meet wage bills, is inevitable.

The taxpayer is deeply in-wived, for the Government has adopted the principle of supply-ing public dividend capital at the rate of 55 per cent of the

mand and little prospect of corporation's medium and long-economic pricing wide Europe, the United States and Japan subventions from the National Even before the urgent review Loans Fund. The taxpayer is entitled not only to question what return be is getting for the so-called equity type of Treasury funding (BSC is sup-posed to pay dividends from its profits), but also to challenge the corporation's ability to

> Capital raised internally over its 10-year life is not much over 23600m and certainly in the past few years losses have exceeded depreciation alone by more than 100m. At the same more than 100m. At the same time market share has been lost over this period.

> Our-of-date plants are also being kept open longer, thanks to the Beswick review, than economically justified, at a cost of £60m plus per year. Some £1,000m in the next few years will be ried up in modernization. will be tied up in modernization projects that can earn no revenue for some time, yet add greatly to interest charges.

> The justification for this last point is, of course, the need to put the industry into better shape to compete, using more efficient and well sited mills and back-up facilities. Somehow, British Steel has to keep recording on emiral projects. spending on capital projects
> while its many unions, understandably, resist drastic domanning, given the present unemployment.

> But when and how the industry will be reorganized—its kabour strength is said to be 60,000 higher than required

now taking place in Whitehall some £500m had to be pruned for 1977-78 and 1978-79 off investment programmes which in the next five years are sche-duled to cost £3,600m. An original 10-year modernization blueprint has a 15-year

one, and the production target of 35,000,000 metric tonnes of steel has been revised to 30,000,000 tonnes. Last year the corporation sold 20,000,000 tonnes, with a break-even target of 24,000,000 tonnes, in a

depressed market.
The world recession is continuing longer than steel manufacturers round the globe expected and clearly the Government is entitled to ask both British Steel an dits unions to British Steel an dits unions to review the realism of present planning and the huge costs of maintaining uneconomic plant. Such a review will need to look at capacity, for Europe is now operating at only 60 per cent of present capacity and the United States at 80 per cent (the figure is falling) while Japan, at 70 per cent, has taken counter-measures to safeguard its hyper-efficient inguard its hyper-efficient in-

ustry's potential.
Of course, British Steel's difficulties must be seen against a worldwide crisis that cries out for international action before protectionism, now rearing its head in the United States, breaks out. Britain's steel losses per tonne are not so bad, say, as for the Sidmar plant of Cock-

erills in Belgium (where Mc-kinsey, the management con-sultants, are busy) or the Saci-lor and Usinor mills in France. In Germany, big losses are being made and Italsider's difficulties in Italy are well known. Bethlehem in the United States is in a bad way.

Nonetheless, British Steel's finances and manning cannot be added to problems.

be attributed solely to problems beyond its control. Japan has just shut down her last two open hearths, for example, while British Steel is now refurbishing three at Shorton for 54m or so. Offers by unions to cooperate in cost-saving exercises have proved of little con-

sequence, if helpful.
The point has been reached where closures and teeth-grit-ting decisions by unions as well as management have to be taken. There is no reason why beary investment cannot continue, if it is obviously realistic in terms of future capacity and supported Working out the details im-

poses a duty on the unions to well as the management and the Government to safeguard British steel-making for an eventual revival in demand. But that does not mean defending every obsolescent and previously reprieved plant out of blind loyalty to union members. It does mean active help in working new plant and systems, which have an obvious systems, which have an obvious future. In this, Sheffield has a better record han South Wacs.

Mr Bil Sirs, chairman of the TUC steel industry committee and leader of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the biggest union, is confronted with an offer of generous redundancy compensation for redundancy compensation for subrting 12 "Beswick" plants kept goin gafter the last review led by Lord Beswick, then a minister. The sting is that British Steel wants to press on with "re-loading" its mills and other works, in order that depressed orders go to the most economic facilities. hTat implies that more than just implies that more than just Beswick plants would close. Into this situation will step Mr Varley and en early state-ment has become vital before speculation becomes too and th eattitudes of men faced with renewed uncertainty about their jobs harden into

Hydro-electric projects put life in S America's heart of its energy to Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia at 50 herz.

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Late last month Argentina and Paragusy offered contracts worth \$70m (about £38.5m) for preliminary infrastructure work on a \$2,750m hydro-electric dam spamning the islend of Yacketia and the rapid of Apipé. It is about inflway along a 350-mile stretch of the river Parana which forms part of their common frontier.

Work will start in the new

Work will start in the new year, By 1983 the 20 turbines of the bi-national Yecircti-Apipé dam should start generat-ing 2,700 MW, rivaling Argan-zine's total energy output last

The project is part of the The project is part of the Argentine military government's 10-year energy programme costing \$20,000m and raising output to more than 11,000 MW by 1985. Some \$9,500m are earmarked for all development, \$8,200m for hydro and nuclear electricity and \$2,250m for natural gas and coal. But hydro-alectric devalupment is the modern of the control of the cont electric development is the top priority and the overall inten-tion is a steady switch to renew-able energy resources.

Sixteen hydro-electric projects generating a total 8,653 MW are due for completion by 1985. Three are almost ready and seven other under construction include a 1,62MW construction include a 1,620MW project with Uruguay at Salso Grande on the River Uruguay, to start generating in 1979.

But Yacireta-Apipe holds pride of place. Plans for it have been gathering dust since 1925 and its rapid realization ill be a token that Argentina's decades of self-doubt and stagnarion or over the control of the cont

It is a geo-political under-taking of great importance in developing the propical heart-land of South America and challenging Brazif's growing challenging Brazi's growing political and economic power in the region.

Brazil is already exploiting the middle Parana. At Itaipa, just 220 miles upstream from Yacirets-Apipé and 10 miles from the Argentine frontier, it is building the world's largest hydro-electric complex with

Paraguay.
Itaipu dwarfs Yacireta-Apipé.
It is a \$7,000m 12,700 MW project and the first of its 18 giant turbines will start generating in 1983. Last mouth work began on diverting the river and lay-ing the dam's concrete founds-Iraipú will make Brazil's

south and south-west a rich area of agro-industrial develop-ment which could draw neighbouring Paraguay and Uruguay under its economic and politi-cal influence.

To avoid the threat of isolation, as well as to exploit its own share of the Parana and develop its forgotten North-east, Argentina's military government has been making up for lost time in getting Yacireti-Apipé under way. For the same reasons it is pressing ahead with controversial plans for a second and larger hydro-electric project with Paraguay at Corpus, 60 miles above Yacireta-Apipé and 170 miles

Yacireti-Apipé and 170 miles below Itaipú.

To be built by 1989, Corpus is projected as part of a second stage of Argentine hydro-electric developments. Other projects up to the year 2000 include a 1,800MW compensating dambelow Yacireti-Apipé at Ita Ibaté, two large complexes on the lower Parana and three joint ventures with Brazil on joint ventures with Brazil on the River Uruguay totalling 5,0000CW.

To the west similar projects with Paraguay on the Pikomayo and Bermejo Rivers are possible. But Corpus is proving a bone of contention between Argentina and Brazil. Para-

guay has still to approve the project and its realization depends on Brazilian good will Corpus would be near enough to Itaipu for the projects to threaten each other's capacity. Ever since Brazil projected ladipu 10 miles from her fron-tier Argentina pressed for prior ner Argenna pressed for prior consultations as a downriver state. The principle was endorsed by the United Nations, but Brazil cited absolute sovereignty and went ahead with a project vital to offset its giant oil import bill.

Only energetic diplomacy by the new Argentine government recently persuaded Brazil to discuss "harmonization" of the projects. A decision is expected by the end of the year and the future of Corpus depends upon

Argentina hopes that Brazil will accept a nearly full-scale will now have in install half Corpus and a somewhat Itaipu's 18 turbines at 50 hers, bright compensated and the rest at 60, leaving for with cash or energy. This Paraguay free to export some

way, the Argentinas believe, the 280-mile stretch of the Parana can be exploited to its maximum, for the benefit of all three states, through four mutually regulating dams.

If this occurs, the three

countries could squeeze at least 20,000MW of fairly cheap renewable energy out of the middle Parana.

Maximum development is particularly in Paraguay's interest as partner in each of the paragraphic dams. While the projected dams. While Brazil or Argentina provide the

finance and knowhow. Paraguav will own half the energy and its future largely depends on exporting this.

It was a hopeful sign that Paraguay recently refused Brazil's request to switch its national grid from its 50 here evel to Brazil's 60 herz, Brazil will now have to install half Italpu's 18 turbines at 50 here and the rest at 60, leaving

Had Paraguay doubted Argenrina's decision and ability to build Corpus and Yacireta-Apipe it would probably not have defied Brazil, Brazil itself long refused to listen to Argentina's protests about Itaipu because of scepticism about its southern neighbour's serious-ness. But the military govern-ment's start on Yacireta Apipé and its arguments for rational exploitation of the Parana may be changing all that.

As a result, there is now a strong possibility that the heart of South America will be trans-

formed into a major energy producer and development area and that Argentina will start rediscovering the path to development and progress from which it wandered a generation

COURTAULDS

Interim Profit and Dividend

The Board has declared an interim dividend in respect of the 1977/78 year amounting to 2...178p per 25p Ordinary Share of which 0.070p per Share is in respect of profits earned in the year to March 1977, and arises from the reduction in the rate of A.C.T. This dividend, together with the imputed tax credit amounts to 3.754p (1976 – 3.317p) and will be paid on 13th January 1978 to the Ordinary Shareholders registered in the books of the Company as at the close of business on 15th November 1977. The cost of the interim dividend after deducting A.C.T. is £6.8m (1976 – £5.9m).

Unaudited results for the first six mouths of the 1977,78 financial year are:-

1976,77 £m		1977,78 £m.
692.4	Total Sales to External Customers	786.3
315.1	Sales to U.K. Customers	378.0
178.6	Exports from United Kingdom	. 203.I
53.I	Trading Surplus	60.8
31.3	Depreciation	_32.9
21.8	Profit before Taxation	27-9
	Less: Taxation	
3.8	U.K. (Including A.C.T. £3.5.m - 1976.77 £3.3m not immediately recoverable)	3-9
4.0	Overseas	1 ** 1
-		4-4
7.8		8.3
140		19.6
_46	Less: Minority Shareholders' Interest	3-4
9-4	Courtaulds Shareholders' Interest	16.2
O.I	Less: Preference Dividends	0-1
9.3	Courtaulds Ordinary Shareholders' Interest	16,1
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Changes in the sterling value of overseas net assets will be dealt with in the year end accounts. At the exchange rates applicable on 30th September, 1977 there was a deficit of £6m.

U.K. sales volume increased marginally, but the volume of sales overseas, including exports, was lower than that in the first six months of last year. Trading results are in line with those foreseen in July, and reflected last year's closure of some activities which had been making losses.

£27m was spent on new fixed assets and £35m on increased working capital. Cash resources were reduced by £17m compared with £85m during the same period last

Trading conditions remain difficult both at home and overseas, and export results continue to be affected adversely by the increased external value of sterling. The future of some operations remains under review. There are other uncertainties, including the possibility of further industrial disruption in pursuit of pay claims not justified by increased productivity.

For these reasons, although trading results for the second half could show some improvement over those of the first six months, the results for the full year are expected to fall short of 1976/77.

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Business Diary: Unaccustomed as we are ...

Ross Davies, Business Diary's Editor, is in Brighton for the first national conference of the CBI. Here is his concluding

Perhaps as much to their

own surprise as anybody else's, CBI president Lord Watkinson and his director general John Methven find that with this first conference they have a success on their hands. Although nobody is officially saying so, what was this year a try-out looks like being from now on an annual event. Alex Jarrau, a CBI council member

and chairman of Reed International, was binting as much vesterday. The turn-out of about 1.300 delegates (200 more were said to have cancelled because of prolonged pay negotiations or labour disputes) and 250 or so observers put the CBI conference at a stroke into the

same logistical class as its model, the TUC's gathering. Press, radio and televisiou coverage was wide (although few political correspondents turned up, as they do for the TUC) and would have been wider, were it not for the fire-men's strike and Princess Anne's baby.

So dazzled were the dele-gates by the national attention that the conference offered that by and large the internal tracks in the CBI were kept papered over. Tom Lyon, chairman of the often wayward smaller firms committee, for instance, was notably concilia-tory to Lord Watkinson in his speech yesterday.

Business people are not as used as the politicians and the trade unionists to all this exposure, but having rubbed their eyes after stepping into



Not so many are called: NFETE's Peter Morley (centre) sits it out with fellow delegates Peter Trew (left) and Richard Amis at the CBI conference ni Brighton yesterday.

doubt that they like what they election.

Peter Morley is one man for whom the conference was less than a success. He thinks the CBI's managers muffed a great opportunity publicly to slam Lahour's proposals for further nationalization.

Morley, chairman of Unit Construction and president of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, was hoping to be called to speak in the "Set Business Free" debate to remind delegates that in that same hall recently the Labour Party conference accepted the national executive committee's proposals for nationalizing the construction

He was not called, however, and had to scrap a speech in which he gave warning that the book.

the spotlight there is little move towards the next general

Morley told me that the CBI had already got off on the wrong foot in Brighton because the document upon which the debates centred. Britain Means Business 1977, mentioned Labour's proposals for Labour's proposals for nationalizing the pharmaceuti-cals, insurance and banking

industries, but not construction. Construction, he said, was the biggest of the lot, being the largest employer of men in industry and second only to

engineering in terms of turn-

What he and the many other construction delegates here fear is that, when it comes to horse-trading between the Cabinet and the national executive, the Cabinet might toss construction to the NEC in return for letting one of the others, possibly banks, off the

proposal could soon be in a The CBI conference, Morley idiosyntratic views here, Labour Party manifesto as we told me, would have been the we're not hearing them." The CBI conference, Morley

perfect platform from which to campaign of the NFBTE, a founder-member of the con-If sadder, Morley is also a

wiser man and swears that he will see that next time round he gers closer to the CBI's 🖪 I asked one eminent survivor of many a Tory Party confer-ence whether he thought that the CBI had made a success of Brighton. He preferred not to he named, he said, because he did not wish to be thought a meddler, although I thought it

ionate love of cosy "unattributable" chats. able "chats.

Given that this was a first conference, he told me, Brighton had been "a definite success". It had given publicity and credibility to what business people thought was needed if there was going to be the wealth to rursue social aims.

He surroused me hy sacing

was partly due to the politician's

He surprised me by saying that he thought that one and a balf days was long enough, albough his reason was not so much that it would have been hard to fill any more time with speakers and subjects, but because that was about as much as top people could take off f
He even supported the preconference decision not to debate individual motions and said that little came of them

when they were permitted at party conferences.
What I do think is lacking, however", he said, "and it's not surprising as it's the first conference, is atmosphere. It's all rather artificial, with not enough personal views. 'I'm sure there are lots of

In time, he went on, the CBI would get to know who were the natural speakers, and their deployment would help liven no audiences at future confer-

The Britain Means Business The Britain Means Business 1977 document, upon which the conference is based, was "impressive". As it would probably need updating, rather than complete revision, for future conferences, it might be that i time debates could "pick out the smaller bits and put them it the microscope" ender the microscope".

One of the undoubted stars of

the CBI conjerence was Mich

Edwardes, the new British Ley-land chairman, who seems to be poping up all over the place these daps. Yesterday he un-veiled the "shocking performance"-his own words put up by Chloride in its latest half year. Pre-tax profits were down from £10.8m to £7.2m. Edwardes would have handed over the posts of chairman and chief executive of Chloride before the figures were published, had then have save published. then been any good. As it was, he felt he should hang on. "If you are going to give anybody any stick it should be me", he explained. As it was Chloride's day he tried not to say amp-thing about British Leyland, where a major board and senior executive reshulfle is expected soon, but did not quite succeed. He commented: I don't propose to travel very much. expect to stap in my office a lot of the time. I don't intend to spend much time in offices and factories because the problems are here in London." Edwardes implied that he would be back at Chioride as chairman once his British Lepland stint was over. "I don't see British Lepland as a career", he said.

systems aim to raise productivity

By Kenneth Owen New computer-based produc-tion control systems developed jointly by International Computers and Vickers with Depart-ment of Industry suport are likely to lead to significantly higher productivity in manu-

facturing.
Yesterday Vickers Management Services demonstrated the new systems at its computer centre in Newcastle upon Tyne, on the occasion of the commis-sioning of a £750,000 ICL 2960 computer.

This marks an important stage in the development by the Vickers group of a nation-wide computing network. Ini-tially developed for Vickers engineering group, this network extends from Glasgow and Edinburgh to Bristol and

Tet network is being ex-tended to other companies in hee Vickers group, and its ser-vices are being marketed also

to outside customers.

Mr Jim Hendin, assistant managing director of Vickers and chairman of Vickers engineering group, said yesterday: years' time we shal be ahead of the field in the production control systems developed

Other computer projects un-der way include a shopfloor information system being intro-duced at Vickers Scotswood works, Newcastle, and an experimental computer-aided method of estimating—a joint project with the government's computer sided Design Centre at Cambridge.

New control | W Europe's forecast growth too low for substantial cut in jobless

From Alam McGregor Geneva, Nov 15

Average growth rate for gross domestic product in industrialized West European countries in 1978 is likely to be 3.5 per cent, according to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. It points out that a 5.5 per cent growth rate is needed if unemployment is to be substantially reduced by the end of the 1970s.

Its latest builtern purs the

corresponding average for this year at 2.5 per cent a number of countries having failed to attain the better performances expected earlier. Only the Republic of Ireland is given a rate above 5 per cent It is followed by Norway with 4.5 per cent and Austria with 4.

be 3 per cent with West Ger-many's not much higher. For the United Kingdom either low task, "the bulletin" says. or negative growth is predicted for the third consecutive year. eden's growth rate is seen to the Second World War.

The picture is brighter is southern Europe with rates around 5 per cent expected in Greece, Portugal and Turkey and above 6 per cent in Yugo-slavia. Spain is the exception, with 1.5 or 2 per cent.

But inflation prodicts in southern Europe arouse serious concern, the bulletin adds, and payments deficits there are milikely to improve without higher growth rates in the industrialized countries.

However, if the present state of semi-depression were to con-tinue it is difficult to see how the rising tide of protectionism

could be resisted." The comission puts Western Export surplus to eastern Europe and the Soviet Union at \$7,000m this year. Their net debt at the end of \$32,000m and \$35,000m. imports from the industrial-

ized West are about 20 per cent of the Soviet block's total imports. Western countries exports to the block are just over 4 per cent of their total foreign trade.

Business appointments

Planner

for House

of Fraser

Plea for temporary ban on trading with Japan

A temporary ban on trading with Japan by the European Community and the United States might be the only way to persuade Japan's manufacturers to change their "greedy" trading policies, Mr Michael Momague said at an Institute of Directors meeting last night. Mr Montague is an industrialist who is a member of the Labour Party's 1972 industry group.

He explained that the Japanese had so far paid only lip service to controlling exports, and had been reducing foreign exchange surpluses by stock-

Mr John Roberts, who is to become group managing direc-tor of Ruberoid.

and had been reducing foreign exchange surpluses by stock-piling commodities.

"No only are they remorselessly treating the world as their market which they are determined to conquer at any configuration.

Exchange law forces IBM to quit India

New Delbi, Nov 15.—International Business Machines, the American multinational group, will wind up operations in India by May 31 next year, Mr. B. Finn, the IBM manager for India, smoounced today.

In a statement to the press he said the company was considered to be responsive to the said the company was need to be press and the company was need to be press in the company was pointed to be pressed to find a more company was not be indian government's requirement that IBM should give in the country. The requirement was based on India's foreign exchange regulations Act (FERA).

The statement quoted Mr. India. Company sources said the company was about 1,000 machines, including the processing operation of India. Company sources said the computer Maintenance services to all IBM customers.

IBM, which has been operationed the sold to customers at a nominal price. About 800 of IBM's India managoryees, who will be dismissed by next Mey, are expected to find employment either with the Computer Maintenance Corporation or other nounced that it would be offer incompance to find a missed by next Mey, are expected to find employment either with the Computer Maintenance Corporation or other nounced that it would be offer incompance to find a managoryees, who will be dismissed by next Mey, are expected to find employment to the press in the computer Maintenance Corporation or other construct maintenance are vices to all IBM customers.

IBM, which has been operations of India and the computer of the part six years.

The anagouncement follows a nounced that it would be offer nounced that it would be of national Business Machines, the American multinational group, will wind up operations in wild wind up operations in India by May 31 next year, Mr. T. B. Finn, the IBM manager for India, announced today. In a statement to the press he said the company was ceasing operations because of the Indian government's requirement that IBM should give up 60 per ceat of its business in the country. The require-ment was based on India's for-eign exchange regulations Act

ESTIMATED RESULTS

an interim period

Premiums Written

U.K. and Irish Republic

Canada

Australia
Europe (ex U.K. and Irish Republic)

Total

Long term insurance profits

Total profit before taxation

Profit after taxation (pence per unit)

Claims as of of earned premiums ... Expenses as of written premiums

Operating ratio

the period. The principal rates were:

investment income benefited by some £3m.

Automobile but not yet to the point of a profit.

UNDERWRITING RESULTS

LONG TERM INSURANCE

ing figures was :

EXCHANGE RATES

Canada

difficult.

The operating ratios for the U.S.A. on the U.K. basis are:

indication for the year.

General Insurance:

Australia

Underwriting result:

The estimated Group results for the nine months ended 30th September, 1977, with comparative figures for the corresponding period in 1976 and for the full year 1976 are given below. As has been pointed out previously, figures

9 months to 9 months to

30 Sept. 77 30 Sept. 76

17.8

103.9

39.1

72.2 29.2

101.4

\$1.81

9 months to 9 months to

30 Sept. 77 30 Sept. 76 \$1.72 \$1.86

In the above figures foreign currency has been converted according to our

In the United States, where results were better in most major lines, there

was a significant improvement in the commercial business with profits being

earned in the Property lines and reduced losses in the Casualty lines including

Workers Compensation. In the personal lines there was an improvement in

The considerably improved result in Canada reflects the underwriting action taken in 1975 and 1976. No provision has been made for potential

refunds which may become pavable to policyholders under the anti-inflation

In Australia last year's return to profitability was sustained, although at a reduced level due to growing competition in the market.

adverse experience in the Netherlands, where market conditions remain

In the Other Overseas territories results overall were profitable.

and more favourable experience in the Industrial Fire business.

In the United Kingdom the substantially increased profit on last year is due to the absence of major storms, an improvement in the Liability account

In Europe the underwriting loss was again more than accounted for by

New business written in the first nine months of the year with correspond-

9 months to 9 months to

30 Sept. 77 30 Sept. 76

months results was to improve profit before tax by some £2m. The under-writing result was adversely affected by about £1m, on the other hand

normal practice at approximately the average rates of exchange ruling during

779.9

-19.7

2.1 -2.4 2.9

-14.9

1.3 65.4

53.1

19.1

33.8

27.8

105.6

\$1.83

(22.5p)

Royal Insurance

Year 1976

1091.8

-17.8 1.7

78.1 27.5

50.2

(33.5p)

75.4 28.0

103.4

Year 1976 \$1.80

Year 1976

\$1.78

\$1.48

Mr C. G. Thompson of the Army and Navy Group, has been appointed to the new position of controller of corporate planning and development at House of

and development at House of Fraser.

Mr R. H. Crowther has been made investment manager of Esse Petroleum's pension fund.

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Mr Ringsley Elton has become managing director of Queensway Discount Whrehouse.

Mr Travis Ward and Mr Lewis Johnson have joined the board of Berry Wiggins. Mr Nigel McCorkell has been made finance director and Mr Frank Moseley operations director. Mr Michael Lofting has resigned.

Mr John Roberts is to become group managing director of Ruberoid from December 1. He succeets Mr D. L. Irwin, who is retiring but remains a director.

Mr G. Terry Proce, managing director of Dalgety (UK), has additionally been appointed chairmen.

The Boots Company has man.

The Boots Company has appointed the following directors to three subsidiary companies: Boots the Chemist—Mr H. A. N. Clark, Mr D. N. Edmundson, Mr A. B. Groves, Mr G. M. Hourston, Mr M. Owens; Boots Pare Drug Co—Mr A. S. Beidas, Mr J. B. Carnell, Mr A. H. Rawksworth; Boots International—Dr J. W. Buckler, Mr R. A. Johnson, Mr J. W. Lewin.

Encik Jums Sudin has been made chairman of Southern Kinta. Consolidated and Southern Kinta. Consolidated and Southern Malayan Tin Dredging. Mr A. J. W. Owston and Mr J. G. Richardson join the boards. Mr Owston also becomes a director of Kamunting Tin Dredging and Malayan Tin Dredging. Mr R. H. Morrison joins the board of Bazzioot Holdings.

Mr G. W. Bartlett is now managing director of Gleves & Hawkes. Mr Clive Strowger is joining Watney Mann & Truman Brewers as commercial director.

Mr Richard Austin has joined the board of Fitch & Company.

Mrs Sandra Young has been made a director of Greenwood & Company (Cullingworth).

Mr Johs Adshead has been promoted to vice-president and bead of the Europe. Middle East and Africa division of Bank of America in London.

Mr J. C. Redman is now a director of John Carr (Boncastey).

Mr J. B. C. Sayers has joined

director of John Corr (Doo-caster).

Mr J. B. C. Sayers has joined the buard of Middand Educational.

Mr Colin Wagstaff becomes sales director and Mr Dennis Kilbey financall and administrative director of Henry Erowne & Son.

Mr H. J. Bowers, managing director of McGregor Core Europe, will succeed Mr M. R. Francis in the new year as director of the wharfage and lighterage activities of the fuel unit of Ocean Cory.

Mr J. T. Alexander has been made a director of Macanam Vermiculite.

miculite.
Mr Graham Barnes, deputy managing director of the London
Advertising Partnership, has been
elected chairman of seh Audit
Bureau of Circulations.

Irish ferry switch from Swansea to Pembroke Dock

A £4m ferryport is to be developed at Pembroke Dock, Wales, by the British & Irish Steam Packet Co to replace services to Cork now operating from Swansea.

The terminal will be served

by an 8.000-ton ferry being built by B & I as part of a £16m expansion of its ferry fleet. The switch to Pembroke Dock is being made because the ship, 3,250 tons bigger than the Inisfallen, now operating on the South Wales to Cork service, would be unable to use the Swansea faculty

£7m Thames barrier contract

A consortium of HAM Dredgme and an associated company. ACZ, has been awarded a £7m subcontract for protection of the river bed against scour at the Thames barrier, and for

ancillary dredging work.
The subcontract has been awarded by the Costain-Tarac-HBM joint venture, the civil engineering works contractor for the Greater London Council, Department of Public Health

FINANCIAL NEWS

BMW foresees rise in total sales this year despite grim competition from Japan

From Perer Norma

Bayerische Motorenwerke AG, the smallest of the West German car groups, today fore-cast a rise in overall sales of BAW cars to around 290,000 units this year from 275,600 in 1976, and an increase in motor-cycle sales to more than 31,000 from 28,200.

In a letter to shareholders BMW reported that the parent's turnover rose by 16.2 per cent in the first nine months of this year to DM3.5m (about 1830,000) and that of the group advanced by 17.5 per cent to

top the DM5,000m level after last year's 33 per cent from to DM4,700m. Without going into details, BMW described its profit position as satisfactory and added that it expects to be fully occupied well beyond the beginning of next year.

BMW has been operating at full capacity for more than two years so that it is bardly surprising that the percentage increases in the group's car procreases in the group's car pro-duction and sales in the first nine months of this year turn out to be relatively modest. our to be relatively modest.

Car production was increased by 4.7 per cent and worldwide sales gained 3.8 per cent. In contrast output of motor cycles increased by 13.8 per cent and sales by 14.4 per cent.

AK20 slips into red

Amsterdam. — AKZO, the Dutch man-made fibres and chemicals giant, expects to make a net loss in 1977 after earlier forecasting that it would end the year roughly breaking even, executive board member Mr Henk Kruisings

He emplained that this is largely due to factors beyond AKZO's control, such as currency inscability, which led to a drop in the value of the pesets against the guilder and a rise in the Swiss franc. AKZO

Smith's Ind

comes down on nominees

Smith's Industries, the motor vehicle component, aerospace and medical equipment group is to change its articles of association to remove the votes of shareholders who refuse to comply with one of the require-ments of the 1976 Companies

The Act empowers companies Boors International—Dr J. W.
Buckler, Mr R. A. Johnson, Mr
J. W. Lewin.
Mr John Wright has become
managing director of British Gas

Oil Barnets.
Mr A. W. Scott has been made
managing director of O. H. Steel

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the Mr. A. W. Sco rights of any shareholder which fails to comply.

Before the 1976 Compenies Act was passed a similar move was made by Lyle Shipping in an attempt to discover the ownership of eight per cent of its capital held in nominee names. The holdings later changed hands.

Smith's believes that it is merely the first of many com-panies which will take similar steps to ensure compliance with the 1976 Act, now it has become

The change in its acticles is part of a more general revision which has been considered during the year to make them more up-to-date. This includes the removal of the qualifying shareholding of 250 units for directors, and a changing of rules on directors voting at board meetings where contracts are considered in which they have an interest.

It is proposed to broaden and modify these restrictions so that directors will only be inhibited from voting on con-tracts where their interest is regarded as material.

Now it's Young's turn to see profits dwindle

Whitbread is not the only brewery with the sad distinction of reporting of the first face in profits that anyone can remem-

A voluntary price freeze and rising costs led to a dip in pre-tax profits from £856,000 to £848,000 at Young and Company's Brewery in the six months to September 30. Turnover of the Wandsworth-based "real ale" group rose 21 per cent £8.7m. So margins narrowed from 11.8 per cent to 9.6 per cent. But the interim dividend is 2.4p gross against

Mr John Young, chairman, said that the group had in-creased its trade and held its prices for ten months from September 1976 to, July 1977. Costs, however, did not stand till. Sales of Young's draught beer rose 11 per cent. The results of Youngs for the last full year to March 31

showed pre-tax profits up a full 31 per cent to a record £1.49m.

NO PROBE . Proposed merger between Celes-tion Industries and Wood Bastow Holdings not to be referred to Monopolies Commission.

EURO COAL & STEEL Issue by European Coal and Steel Community was "substan-tially oversubscribed.

CREDIT TO POLAND

ECGD has guaranteed a 45m line of credit to enable Polish buyers to place orders in the United Kingdom for capital goods and associated services. TOTAL OIL MARINE Group is to Issue a £25m Euro-bond with an indicated 93 per cent

International

has made borrowings in francs. has made norrowings in francs.

He also said that the singnating economy was a major cause of the disappointing results. For the third quarter of this year.

AKZO had a net loss of F157.5m with F124m in the corresponding 1976 period.

to further serious losses in tex-tile fibres. The return on heavy chemicals also reached a new now due to price cutting brought about by excess capacity. In the United States, too, Enka was disappointing. The company expects that group turnover this year will up the DM5,000m level after AKZO is therefore studying further restructuring of its fibre and other sectors which have already led to a reduction of 4,000 in the workforce this

Northrop flies high

Northrop likes high
Northrop Corporation, of Los
Angeles, the directaft manufacturer, expects that its 1977
results will be the best ever
according to the president, Mr
Thomas Paine.
In 1976, Northrop reported
record earnings per share of
\$2.88, adjustment for a two-forone stock split in May.
Mr Paine said: "We expect
this represed trend in sales and this upward trend in sales and earnings will continue in 1978, although certainly not at the dramatic rate we are experienc-

ing this year." For the nine months, North-rop earned \$3.52 a share, up from \$1.72 in 1976, adjusted for

Mr Paine said that sales for the nine months were \$1,100m (about £647m) nearly equalling last year's record of \$1.200m for the full year.

He said that the group's work on its portion of the Navy and Marine Corps F-18 strike fighter, being developed with McDonnell Douglas, was progressing on schedule.

Mr Paine added that there have been over 1,000 orders for Northrop's F-5E and F-5F

Frab Holding

Frab Holding of Luxembourg has doubled its capital to \$27m (about £15.8m) it announced in Paris. Its capital is equally owned by Arab and non-Arab interests. The latter include Société Gënérale, Société The stagnating economy led Générale de Banque, Société de Banque Suisse, Industrial Bank of Japan and Amrobank, Frab Holding and its shareholders control the Paris-based Frab Bank International, and have interests in other European Banks. It plans to open an off-shore branch at Bahrein early

Seagram optimistic

Seagram Co, of Canada, the world's largest producer of spirits and wines, expects earnings for the first quarter ended October 31 to be about 8 per cent higher than the C33.4m (about £16.7m) reported last year, according to the presi-dent, Mr Philip Beekman. He said that the quarterly report will be out in about two weeks and that the company will re-port a continuing positive trend in sales and earnings growth for the first quarter of 1978.

Hokkaido Colliery

Hokkaido Colliery and Steam-Hokkaido Colliery and Steamship of Japan says that it is almost impossible for it to satisfy new Tokyo Stock Exchange listing standards, and it may delist its shares. The new standards to be applied from next March call for the delisting of any company that has passed its dividend for five consecutive years and whose liabilities exceed assets for three consecutive years. Hokkaido says its sees no way to clear its large sees no way to clear its large cumulative deficit. In the year ended September 30 Hokkaido showed a deficit of 11,100m yen

24,800m yen against 6,780m deficit on sales of 20,900m in the previous year, due to a large interest burden and an explosion at its Horanax coal

MAN tops DM60m

Despite an increase in net profit from Dm55.1m to Dm60.1m in its past business year. Maschinenfabrik Augs-burg-Nueraberg is trimming individend to six marks per 50 mark shart, for the yea rended June 30 compared with seven marks. However shareholders will receive a tax credit.

This West German engineer. ing group expects its earnings to be satisfactory in the current business year, because of the high level of orders in

MIM projects doubtful

MIM Holding's projected electrolytic zinc refineries in Townsville, Queensland, and in Townsville, Queensland, and in the United States are doubtful according to Sir James Foots, the charman. He told the annual meeting that current and projected market conditions and worldwide surplus refinery capacity did not encourage MIM to be optimistic about the likelihood of constructing a refinery in the about the likelihood of con-structing a refinery in the United States. The capital and operating cost structure for a Townsville plant made that project very remote, he said.

Peugeot-Citroen

The parent company of Peugeot-Citroën of France had a net turnover of 249m francs (about £27.6m) for the nine This against 209.9m francs in the same period last year. Automobiles Peugeot's net turnover was 13,400m francs (11,300m). Automobiles Citroën's net turnover Automobiles Citroën's net turn-over was 9,400m francs (8,000m).

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION To the Holders of

Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela

81/4% Guaranteed Sinking Fund Debentures Due 1987

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Fiscal Agency Agreement dated us of December 15, 1972 providing for the above Debentures, \$350,000 principal amount of said Debentures bearing the following serial numbers have been selected for redemption on December 15, 1977, through operation of the Sinking Fund, at the principal amount thereof, together with accurate



On December 15, 1977, the Debentures designated above will become due and pavalsic in such coin or On December 15, 1977, the Debentures designated above will become due and payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debta. Said Debentures will be paid, upon presentation and surrender thereof with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after the redemption date, at the option of the holder either (a) at the corporate trust office of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street, New York, N.Y. 10015, or (b) at the main offices of any of the following: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main, London, Parls and Zurich; Bank Mess & Hope NV in Amsterdam; Banca Vonwiller & C. S.p.A. in Milan and Rome and Credit Industriel d'Alesce et de Lorraine, S.A. in Luxembourg, Payments at the offices referred to in (b) above will be made by check drawn on a dollar account, or by transfer to a dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank in New York City;

Coupons due December 15, 1977 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

On and after December 15, 1977 interest shall cause to account on the Debenture, herein designated for redecaption.

Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela

Dated: November 15, 1977

NOTICE The following Debentures previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for

DEBENTURES OF \$1,000 EACH

Electra Investment Trust

Interim Report (emaudited) for the six months ended 30th September, 1977.

Earnings Six months ended 30th September 1977 Gross Revenue £2,277,000 £2,003,000 Group Earnings before taxetion

Interim Dividend

Group Earnings after taxation

Taxation

An interim dividend of 1.5p per stock unit (1976/77, 1.5p) will be paid on 31st January, 1978 to those persons on the register on 30th December,

1977. Such dividend will absorb	£733,572 (1976/77, £7	33,572).
Assets	30th September 1977	31st March - 1976
Investments at market value or valuation	£76,160,000	£65,241,000
Net assets	£70,520,000	£60,816,000
Net asset value per stock unit of 25p	14410	1241n



£m New life and annuity premiums: Periodical premiums 16.6 8.9 14.9 Single premiums 31.9 20.8862.0 New sums assured New annuities per annum

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Day of company upsets prompts heavy selling

and the stagnant state of indus-D\160m and the stagmant state or mous-rial production the FT Index had lost hill by 2 pm to reach is low point of the session. Um-in its low point of the session limit in lete

There was little respite in lease reading and the index was still training of particular concern on the little was some from twee the profits from wear the profits from Courtuilds, which was some figures from Courtuilds, which was some figures from Chloridet. Ap lower from a 199p, and the profits setback at Wheatsheaf which hit the charges no less than 38p to 180p in the and cast a shadow over the bergie whole food retailing sector.

A subdued session in the gilt-

Shares in Samuel Osborn fell.

Courtenids 786.3(692.4
External Inv (I) 7(-)
Farm Feeds (I) 4.07(3.29)
GEI Int (I) 22.7(17.2)
GE Portland (I) --(-)
LCP Hidgs (I) 53.4(50.9)
J. N. Nicols (I) 2.8(2.2)
Philips' Lmps (Q) 7,614.0a
(7,321.0a)
Royal Ins (O) --(-) omnedged market saw long dates of dall in a range between threaming pights and half a point while shorter maturities waited until letter hours trading to edge node the phead.

The City's caution on both
Courtaulds and Chloride were

week, lost just a couple of pence to 564p but Glaxo continued to fall losing enother 8p to 587p and additionally affected by the lack of any dividend news accompanying this week's United States acqui-

Aberdeen fov (1)
Acorn Secs (F) —(—)
Charter Cons (1) —(—)
Chloride Gp (1) 134.0(121.5)
Courtaulds 786.3(692.4)

(7,321,0a)

Royal Ins (Q) —(—)

Stockhidts in (F) —(—)

Wheatshf Dist (1) 216.3(170.1)

Young Brewry (1) 8.7(7.2)

dation.

Though most interest centred on results there was also some activity on the takeover and Both S. Osborn 7p o 75p and Weir. Group 4p to 118p loss ground washing for further details of their mergers plan while speculative demand

this week's United States acquisition.

Issues to fall heavily in food retailing were Linfood 10p to 11;p, Forness Withy 4p to 18p, Associated Dairies 11p to 257p, Bejam 4p to 71p, Kwik Save 12p to 218p and Nurdin & 13p to 288p.

Peacock 5p to 198p.

A factory sale boosted John Bright to 35p but by the end again sprang to life with a rise while speculative demand breathed life into Federated Chemical 4p to 68p, Sena Sugar days losing 15p for a close of 35p.

Among financial the clearing banks were all lower by 10p with Barclays at 330p, Lloyds 270p, National Westminster

Latest results

__(__) 2.07(1.91)

6.5(6.5) -(--)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per shere. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the det dividends by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Guilders, b Forecast, c Loss.

266p after some adverse com-ment and Tube Investments lower by the same amount to 388p. Back in foods Paterson Zochonis dipped 10p to 200p after the chairman's warning

Oils featured Siebens which again sprang to life with a rise of 10p to 282p but BP reacted

on profits.

--(--) 1.25(1.02) 3.5(2.5) 1.6(1.4)

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- -(5.5) 1/12 - -(2.8)

3p fall to 165p was recorded by of trading the price had 270p and Midland 365p. Insur-Ever Ready while elsewhere in returned to its overnight 33p. ances were supported by better the sector Locas slipped 15p. The big engineering groups than expected figures from to 266p on its labour problems were not immune to the Royal which ended just 2p off and a chart "sell" recomments retreat with GKN losing 10p to at 393p after being as much as than expected figures from Royal which ended just 2p off at 393p after being as much as 12p lower at one stage. Com-mercial Union continued to lose ground after its big cash

call and by the end had dipped

another 4p to 136p.

A big seller of Woolworth was reported ahead of today's nine months figures. Some of the nervousness can be attributed to the shadow cast hy hWeatsheaf but market hopes are pitched no higher than £21.5m against £22.9m. The shares lost 11p to 61p.

In properties, Town Centre Securities were firm ahead of figures, due today, which are expected to be bullish. After hours leading shares tended to go a little firmer and insurances and banks recouped the odd penny or so. Gold shares lost a little more and Farm Feeds dropped 8p to 37p after its interim trading loss. atter its interim trading loss, Equity turnover on November 14 was £68.56m (14,270 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were Reed International, BP, GKN, ICI, BAT Dfd, and Ind, English Chinna Glays, GEC, P & O, Betecham, Grand Metropolitan, Commercial Union, Weir Group. Tube Investments. Weir Group, Tobe Investments, Tate & Llyle, Lucas, Royal In-surance, Furness Withy, Philips Lamps and Wheatsheaf.

By Alison Mitchell

sank 38p to 180p.

An unexpected slump in half

On a turnover up from £170m to £216m, pre-tax profits slithared from £2.4m to £1.5m

in the 28 weeks to September

The joker was the Carrefour

the joker was the Carretour-hypermarket division. A down-turn in profits at the three orginial outlets and a £450,000 loss from the new Birmingham superstore left the division with a near £1m shortfall.

The Tesco-inspired price cutting ar, knocked the feet

under the new store only weeks after it had started up. It shows no signs of abating. Company secretary Mr Victor Williams admitted last night that mar-

time results at hypermarket to

Charter Cons up to mark with a 20 pc first-half rise

Charter Consolidated, the United Kingdom mining finance house, has matched market expectations with a 20 per cent pre-tax profit increase from E19.7m to £23.6m for the six months to September 30. In fact, the performance was somewhat better than many expected since the share of profits from MK Refrigeration taken over earlier this year, has not been included,

Given the changes in the group's holdings over the last year, the profits make up has year, the profits make-up has changed somewhat, but never-the less the group, which is effectively the United Kingdom arm of the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, looks set for a full year profit increase of about the same magnitude. There are, however, still worries as to the extent of any below-the line write-offs that may be needed, although, if there are any, they should be a long way short of last year's £9.4m.



Mr Murray Hofmeyr, chairman of Charter Consolidated.

investments showed a 12.2m gain to £10.96m, which reflect the extra dividend under the Anglo American-Rand Selection nierger, while Rio Tinto-Zinc boosted its dividend having gone through the "Inchcape

gap". Selection Trust, in which Charter has a 28.8 per ceu: stake, also paid out more as a result of the rights issue last

Total investment however, only rose by 1652,000 to 111.8m, but the in the main reflects the fact that the Malaysian in interests have been reorganized and are now part of

The changed status of the Minorco A shares and the problems that have confronted that company are also reflected in the decline in the income from associated companies. Since MK has not been included the trading profits of the group more or less marked nme at £9.47m.

There was a sharp jum in share-dealing profits to 22.66m, Costs have been kept under a tight rein and prospecting expenditure has been further reduced reflecting Charter's

changing role.

The interim dividend has been increased to 4.583p from 4.231p grass.

Disputes hit LCP Hldgs

Hit by labour trouble, the West Midlands-based LCP Hold-

fits shows that properry's share

stood still at 6.5p.
The gross interim payment, rises from 2.15p to 3.03p.
The board is confident that the group's large property in-terests will show further growth.

Toronto. — Falconbridge Nickel Mines had a third quarter loss of \$14.56 against earnings of \$3.45 the year before. The results include costs incurred at Sudbury during the period of the previously announced shurdown.

Falconbridge pointed out that write-off rates for capital and

preproduction and development

were changed on July 1 to reflect the economic lives of

the specific assets in use. Those the specific assets in use. Those figures are bad but Faiconbridge is only the latest big nickel group (Inco reported last week) to spell out what production cutbacks are doing to

First three months of new year show rise in sales and profits. Sales o frehicles from fleet opera-tors have risen by 35 per cent.

Falconbridge

Nickel slides

into the red

A brackdown of trading pro-

West Midlands-based LCP Holding has not grown much.
Turnover climbed 24.5 per cent to £63.44m in the six months to September 30, but trading profits rose by just 6 per cent to £2.91m. After heavier interest of £806.000, against £718,000, pre-tax profits edged forward from £2.03m to £2.1m

gins are being sacrificed to

maintain market share.

However Birmingham is now breaking even ,a better second half year from this division is

Despite exceptional re-orga-

pization costs and the increas-

mission costs and the increasing pressure on wholesale margins divisional profits were slightly ahead of last year.

The group benefited from a first-time contribution of £148,000 from Spain and an almost unchanged £121,000 beautiful pressure.

Warning shareholders that second half trading profits will not claw back the downturn of

the first six months, Mr Wil-liams comments that they will be similar to those of the same period last year.

Stripping out profits from property disposals, this forecast would give the group around £5m for the full year pointing to a prospective yield of 4.6 per cent.

boost from France.

expected.

went up from £628,000 to £821,000, but merchanting and manufacturing fell from £2.12m to £2.09m. Earnings per share,

Gt Portland up 34 pc at half-time

By Michael Clark Great Portland Estates with offices, showrooms and shops mainly in the West End and City of London, reports a rise of 34 per cent in pre-tax revenue to 51.96m for the ax months to Sentember 30.

Gross rental income rose slightly from \$3.5m to \$3.9m and the directors have declared an interim dividend unchanged at 1.51p. The revenue available for appropriation amounted to \$1.04m compared with \$769,000 for the corresponding period.
This includes an amount equal
to the net outgoings for the
half-year attributable to properties in the course of develon-ment of £3,000 against £32,000. The group has charged to me-tax revenue the sum of £37,000 compared with £344.000 for exceptional repairs from the refurbishment of buildings and 2393,000 on other work.

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Results of Great Portland for the full year to March 31, saw pre-tax profits bit by an excentional charge of £1.7m so that tehev rose only slightly to £2.67m. Flaking mossic at the eroup's 190,000 of ft Knollys House office black in Crowdon contributed £333,000 to the exceptional charge along with an centional charge along with an £871.000 refurbishment charge. Gross rentals however rose by £1m to £7.2m.

share lost 4p to 292p yesterday.

BH South's report gualified

Melbourne. — The annual report of B H South, the copper of phosphate mining group, or the year to June 30 is pulified by the auditor, copers and Lybrand. It queries be valuation of three subsidiaries on a "going concern" rasis. Coopers argue that for lobar Mines and Kannantoo dines the basis of accounts new dines the basis of accountance of 1976-77 depended mostly on uture copper price increases, which cannot be determined at this time with reasonable

Coopers stated that Cober was able to more than offset perading losses through sales fleed concentrate produced in revious years, while Kanmano was on a care and mainnance basis throughout the

auditors also criticize The auditors also criticize H South for not adopting tax fect accounting in 1976-77. ad it been used, the parent impany's share of the conditional constitution of the conditional constitution of the conditional control of the conditional control of the control

In the 12 months to June 30 st, B H reduced its consolisted operating loss from A5.09m to \$A3.97m. The Longo listing for B H's shares was uncelled in 1976 at B H's

Associated companies
Other investments

Surplus on realizations of investments

Trading profit

Administration and technical expenditure

Retained profits of associated companies

Profit before taxation

Profit after taxation

Deduct:
Minority interests

Attributable to Charter

Earnings per share

(previous year's interim—2.75p.)

the change in the accounting policy adopted as at 31 March 1977.

Imerim dividend of 3.025p per share

James Halstead chairman in cheerful mood

It looks as if things are on the mend at Manchester-based James Helstead (Holdings), which is in plastics, clothing and textile processing. As known, pre-tax profits fell from £317,000 to £197,000 in the year to June 30 though rumover grew from £12.44m to £15.45m. Mr J. S. Leach reports in his ennual statement that since his appointment as chairman he has found it difficult, for many reasons, to be optimistic about the short-run, although he has always been confident about

the longer-run. However, he now believes the group has the opportunity to make progress. Management changes make him confident of

"marked improvement " profitability.

The markers in which Halstead trades continued to be rough. But the expected im-provement in profits would have taken place save for a serious serback in the performance of one subsidiary. B.M. Coating met considerable diffi-culties and suffered a substan-tial trading lose.

There has been a complete re-organization of management, and Mr Leach is confident there will be a dramatic improvement in B.M.'s performance in the current year.

The claim brought by a former director has been with-drawn on payment of his legal

Mr O Jessel gives way

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associates had been opposing the takeover by Maurice James,

Charter Consolidated Limited

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR HALF-YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1977 (unaudited)

Carel Trust plans to assent its shares in George Doland to the offer by Maurice James Industries. This way, it makes a profit of £6,000 before its share of the expenses. This was stated at yesterday's annual meeting of Catel by Mr Oliver Jessel, chairman.

He said that Catel and its associates had been opposing

associates had been opposing the same opportunity and ren-the rakeover by Maurice James, dered Doland a very different whose chairman, Mr Maurice investment proposition.

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GEI heading Wheatsheaf undermined for £5m:

foods group Wheatsheaf Distri-bution & Trading knocked £4.5m off the value of the margins up Engineering group GEI Inter-national is heading for profits of nearly £5m this year. group yesterday as the shares

Buoyed by an improving home merket and an increase in exports, turnover rose by 32 per cent to £22.7m in the sk months to September 30. Pretax profits showed an even larger gain. They jumped from £1.5m to £2m, widening pre-tax margins by half a point to 9.1 per cent. per cent

Mr Thomas Kenny, chairman, Mr Thomas Kenny, chairman, reports that outstanding orders are more than a third higher than a year ago. In volume terms, this is equivalent to an increase of around 25 per cent.

Much of the improvement reflected a five-year capital spending programme. Around £7m is to go on extending capacity and £1.75m has already been spent.

The group has also concentrated on improving exports. Around 12 per cent of total turnover goes directly overseas but, taking in indirect exports, this figure rises to 60 per cent. The second belf year, in which the group traditionally makes the larger share of its profits, has started well. An unturn at home particularly for the steel division should give the group an added filling. the group an added fillip. And group managing director Mr John Sewell reports that October was the best month for the group in a long time.

No payout as Farm Feed makes loss

Farm Feed Holdings has gone from a profit of £56,000 to a loss of £36,000 for the six months to July 31, and there is no interim dividend against

Ip gross last year. Mr Leonard Philby, the chairman, says that the group's in-vestment in Triphos (North-ern), which makes tri-calcium phosphate, continues to cause grave concern to the directors. He promises to report fully on this at the annual meeting. In the last accounts the Auditors were unable to say whether the group's investment in Triphos was fairly stated at £347,000, or whether a liability would arise under a guarantee.

NCB Pensions offer for BIT posted

The formal offer from Black Diamonds Pensions, owned by National Coal Board Pensions Funds, for British Investment Trust has been posted. BIT has already rejected the terms. Black Diamonds and NCB Pensions, advised by S. G. Warburg, say that they believe the ordinary terms are "generous and attractive"; and that the market value of the BIT ordinary shares is significantly higher than it would be without an offer.

Malton Inv seeks liquidation

The board of Malton lavestment Trust has decided to recommend that the company be placed in members' voluntary liquidation. Its net asset value a share at October 31 amounted to 501.56p before allowing for the cost of liquianowing for the cost of liqui-dation and other contingencies.

The board thinks that share-holders will receive not less than 490p per share and a first distribution of not less than 400p a share is expected to be made within one month of liqui-dation,

Yearling coupon down Having reached 7 per cent last week the coupon on local authority bonds is down again to 6% per cent. The biggest borrowers are Southwark and Birmingham with £2m each while Brighton is raising £1m.

SMITHS INDUSTR



The very satisfactory results for 1976/77 demonstrate once more the value of our wide spread of businesses

and of the acquisition and diversification policies of recent years! Roy Sisson, Chairman

The following are additional salient points from the Chairman's review.

- * Profit before tax was 27% higher and * Industrial relations during the year earnings per share also increased by
- * Direct exports increased by a third. Overseas turnover-which includes indirect exports and sales by overseas subsidiaries-increased to 55% of total turnover, excluding distribution activities.
- * The Company remains strong in cash resources and well able to finance further expansion.
- were generally good. It is hoped that our record of mutual understanding and tolerance will continue during this current period of the Incomes Policy so that all with an interest in the Company will continue to prosper.
- of in most areas of our business we are well covered by orders, many in the form of hard-won export contracts. Our prospects for the present year are encouraging.

RESULTS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS 1973 1974 1976 1975 £m's £m's £m's £m's £m's Turnover 157.5 135.8 117.0 224.1 180.8 15.1 **Trading Profit** 13.2 11.7 21.7 17.5 12.5 10.5 Profit before Tax 20.5 16.2 11.3 80.1 67.4 54.1 40.9 **Overseas Turnover** 103.0



Copies of the Report and Accounts and of the Special Report 1977 can be obtained from the Secretary.

SMITHS INDUSTRIES LIMITED CRICKLEWOOD LONDON NW2 6JN

MANUFACTURERS OF VEHICLE, AEROSPACE, MARINE, MEDICAL, TUBING, AIRMOVING AND HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT: CLOCKS, WATCHES, CAR RADIO, CERAMICS AND INDUSTRIAL INSTRUMENTS; AND DIS-TRIBUTORS OF PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR VEHICLES AND FOR INDUSTRIAL PLANT AND MACHINERY.

The offer by Charter to acquire, for a total cash consideration of £12.7 million, the whole of the issued share capital of MK Refrigeration Limited has been accepted by the holders lof approximately 99 per cent of the shares, and Charter is in process of acquiring the remainder in accordance with the Companies Act. As MK Refrigeration is now a subsidiary of Charter, its results from 5 August 1977, the effective date of the acquisition, to 31 December 1977 will be consolidated in Charter's accounts to 31 March 1978.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

Surplus on realizations of investments for the half-year to 30 September 1976 has been restated to reflect the currency loss of £864,000, at that date, on the conversion into sterling of foreign currency loans financing portfolio investments. This treatment follows the change in the currency policy adopted at 121 March 1977

The results of overseas subsidiary and associated companies have been converted into sterling at the rates ruling at the end of their relevant accounting periods.

Other exchange differences arising from the fluctuation of currencies are treated as extraordinary items which are dealt with in the end-of-year accounts.

MK REFRIGERATION

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 3.025p per share payable on or about 9 January 1978 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 9 December 1977 and to persons presenting coupon no. 25 detached from share warrants to bearer. The dividend will carry a tax credit of 1.55333p per share.

15 November 1977

by order of the board D. S. BOOTH secretary

Commodities INTERNATIONAL COMBUSTION

Credit Suisse study of platinum market

Zurich, Nov 15.—Platinum may have more upside potential than gold, though its price tread cannot be divorced from the situation in other procious metals. Credit Suissa said in a study of the platinum market.

Historically, the platinum price is still low given that at the start of the 1970s it was around four times as expensive as gold, the bank said in its latest bulletin. The bank said in its latest bulletin. The bank said demand for platinum for industrial use has increased this year, particularly for the manufacture of Jewelry while its application in strategic weapons is behind the United States plan to increase official stocks by around 800,000 ounces to 1.3m, starting in March next year.

Meanwhile, the market is parrow

Meanwhile, the market is narrow as a good third of the estimated annual production of 3m ounces is sold through long-term con-Bullion market sources said that the Soviet Union, which accounts for about a quarter of world production, may turn increasingly to a flexible spot selling policy from long-term sales contracts. The bank added that South Africa has

Exchange of letters Sydney, Nov 14.—The exchange of letters between the Australian and lapanese governments ratifyand Japanese governments tarry-ing recordy agreed changes in the Australia-Japan sugar contract has been made. The settlement involves a cut in the sugar price and the extension of the contract for a further year to mid-1981.

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Sugar pact 'should

bring better prices

Washington, Nov 14.—The new
International Sugar agreement
should bring higher market prices
next year despite likely increases
in production and end stocks. Mr
Robert McConnell, director of the
sugar and tropical products division of the United States Department of Agriculture, said.

Ho said there was a good change. He said there was a good chance that the price would climb within the Sugar Agreement range (said to be 11-21 cents per lb) before the end of 1978.

In the longer run, the new agreement should assure producers of better prices, while protecting consumers from price increases as sharp as those during 1974.

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Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed higher against the mark yesterday and was little changed against the Swiss franc and the yen in subdued business, dealers said.

Remarks on Monday by Mr Blumenthal, the United States Treasury Secretary, Herr Eminger, the Bundesbank president, supporting the dollar are gradually fading as a prop for the currency though the markets were quiter ahead of today's West German market holiday.

Sterling cased to around \$1.8160-65 from its early \$1.8180-85 and closed unchanged at \$1.8160. The effective index was also unchanged at 63.7.

The dollar closed at 2.2470 marks against 2.2460 on Monday and at 2.2040 Swiss franca against an early 2.2025-35 and 2.2030 on Monday. The yen eased to 245.20 against 245.00.

The guilder weakened in both spot and forward markets as uncertainty over lack of political will to form a government there brought renewed pressure. It finished at 2.4285 against 2.4024.

Gold lost \$4 an ounce to close in Loadon at \$161.375.

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Discount market Underlying factors suggested that there should have been no more than modest shortage of tunds on Lombard Street yesterday. In the event, however, the Bank of England helped the discount houses are only via sur-

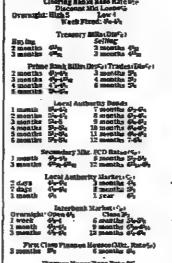
count houses not only via pur-chases of a small amount of Treasury bills, but also by leading a large sum to oversight at MLR (5 per cent) to six or seven of the houses.

The assistance looked to have to the difficulties in the market was the fact that the clearing banks were inevitably taking a cautious line ahead of the midmonth make up roday. Slightly above-target bank balances brought over from Monday were in the market's favour.

Rates held the 41-2 per cent area for much of the day. Closing balances were mainly found around 3 per cent, with just the occasional house ruling off at up to 4 per cent.

Money Market

Money Market



Sugar market opens Rongkong, Nov 15.—The Rong-kong raw sugar futures market opened actively today with 212 lots traded by the end of the mid-session call, dealers said. Prices opened about steady on New York closing levels and then fluctuated very narrowly. The exchange, established on May 9 this year, originally dealt only in cotton.

Wall Street

Sir Monty Finniston, chairman, has written to shareholders urging them to take no action on Northern Industrias offer. He will be writing again "as soon as possible."

New York, Nov 15.—The New York Stock Exchange, still under pressure by profittaking, retreated further in active early trading further in active early trading today.

Analysis said the decline reliects investor disappointment over the market's failure so extend last week's brisk reliy.

Control Data, the number one artire on the big board, rose is to 24%, followed by American Telephone, up is at 61. Actively traded K-Mart, posting slightly higher earnings, fell is to 25%.

On Monday prices were mostly lower amid heavy profit-taking in the blue chips.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was off 7.53 points to 838.36. It shot up a total of 27.46 points in the two prior sessions. Volume shares totalled



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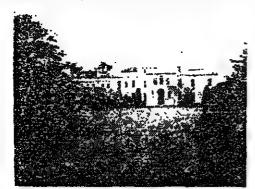


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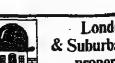
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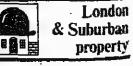
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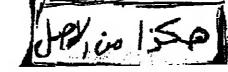
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11 A chap gets a permy when

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11 A chap gers a permy when this hat goes round (6).

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15 Making ship tarty? It's held back by spollers (9).

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21 As speech, it appears in my old play (8).

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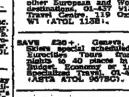
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